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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JOHN MILVAIN (Newcastle).—1. No; Dick Burge went to the States to fight Jack McAuliffe, but a fight was not arranged. 2. La Blanche, the "Marine."

H. CONWAY (Hackney Wick).—Send it along.

A REGULAR READER (S. Wales).—The fight between Sayers and Heenan was decided a draw.

COBBLER (Dundee).—1. Tom Sayers was defeated once only, by Nat Langham. 2. They are out of print.

G. H. WILMER (Grove Hill, Woodford).—The Barnsbury Boxing Club, 55, Barnsbury Road. Take train from Broad Street to Highbury or Barnsbury.

J. G. WHITE (Archway House).—1. "Shah" Horne still flutters about the West, he was recently in hospital. Peter Brislin is dead, so are the others you mention, except Bob Travers, who has lost a good job he for many years had with George Gurney, the bookie. 2. We believe Jack Hicks can be seen any Saturday afternoon in the Mile End Road, about 100 yards from the Cambridge Heath Road, and on the same side.

J. BUNNEY (South Wales).—John L. Sullivan was champion of America, not of the world.

JAMES MCAULIFFE (Cameronians, Lucknow, India).—He is at present living in Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.

BEAR (Brynmawd).—Yes.

G. PETTY.—1. The contest was stopped. 2. Quite correct.

W. CHILDER.—1. The odds returned are taken from the books of the principal layers in the ring. 2. Sometimes.

WESTGATE.—In one round.

V. C. A.—They had no colours.

J. J.—Two rounds of 3min, and one of 4min, with 1min rest.

T. WENTWORTH.—Yes.

G. CLAYMORE.—Star Pointer, the pacer, accomplished one mile in 1min 59¼sec.

EDDIE D.—It was for the championship of the world.

O. AND H.—They have met three times.

B. WILSON.—E. P. Weston walked 1,977½ miles in 1,000 consecutive hours.

N. HARRIS.—Yes. Both in Melbourne and Sydney.

H. SHEEN.—He won on points after going twenty rounds.

JOHN MURLEY.—1. Inside twelve hands. 2. He would be described as a cob if over twelve hands.

J. C. H.—It appeared in last week's issue.

T. ODER.—The decision was a draw.

J. WEISS.—He was born in Mile End.

C. CLARK.—No; under Queensberry Rules.

CHIP.—1. Bantam-weight is 8st 4lb. 2. No lower weight recognised.

SUBSCRIBER.—1. At the Olympic Club. 2, Not in existence.

FRED CLIFTON.—1. Photo received. 2. Send record for insertion.

D. A. WELDON.—The decision was given after twenty rounds.

H. P. SMITH.—From the Westminster Clock Tower to Brighton and back.

J. W. SHIREBROOK (Derbyshire).—See answer to J. Bunney.

WM. C.—"Self-Defence or the Art of Boxing," post free one shilling, THE MIRROR OF LIFE, 172, Fleet Street.

O. P.—They trained at the Derby Arms, East Sheen.

(Several Answers crowded out).

GAMBLING ON BOXING AND ITS RESULTS.

REMARKS ON THE PLUMB v. McKEEVER CONTEST.

THE BIG PURSE OFFERED FOR McGOVERN AND BEN JORDAN.

WITH SOME REMARKS ON OTHER BIG PURSES.

AN incident occurred recently at a boxing match which reminded us of one of the most serious calamities of modern sport through the extra cleverness of the win, tie, or wrangle party. Both bookmakers have now gone over to the great majority—Charley White and Harry Bull, alias Chippy Norton. Gent and Hutchens were to run at Lillie Bridge, and as these were the two great sprinting cracks of this or any other generation, a mob assembled at Lillie Bridge running grounds, which, for its huge proportions, the like of which had never before been seen at any sprint race. Time arrived for the men to be on the mark, and the crowd grew impatient. What was the matter? Well, the matter was simply this. One man had been offered so much to lose, and this coming to the ears of the other bookie, he offered the man so much more to win, with threats of mob violence, and so much was Gent intimidated that he escaped from the grounds. Meanwhile the mob, finding there was no race, made for the pay-boxes, and when they found the coin had been taken away such a scene occurred as is not often witnessed. The enraged spectators set fire to the building, burning the place to the ground, and thus through the greed of betting one of the finest open spaces near London was lost to the sport-loving public, the grounds being closed and eventually built on. An accident almost parallel with the above occurred last week at a boxing match. A tenner was betted on one boxer by an enthusiastic supporter of the game, the taker of the bet—a despicable wretch—going to the boxer and offering him two pounds to lose. The enthusiastic sportsman, however, grasped the situation and offered his fancy a fiver to win. The Lillie Bridge business again occurred on a small scale, and there was fire, but on this occasion it was only fiery language. If persons who let halls to boxing promoters were to only let those halls on condition that gambling was on no account to be permitted we should not have the unseemly bothers that have been all too frequent at recent boxing matches. Some persons cannot lose in a sportsman-like manner. We remember on one occasion at a City club, when two boxers were contesting on the top storey, the gas was put out by the losing division; and to add to the horror of the situation glass bottles were thrown in the direction of the referee. The fact is that matches are not made and bets betted by men who cannot afford to lose. Hence the win, tie, or wrangle business so much in evidence.

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We notice a second match has been made between the man from Ireland, Gardiner, and the Ethiopian serenader, Craig, at a weight which is ridiculous as far as Gardiner is concerned. When the first match was made Gardiner was nervously anxious that the "Coffee Cooler" should not scale above the stipulated weight (11st 4lb), and he microscopically examined the scales on the day of weighing-in to see that the poundage was as near as possible the middle-weight limit. Now, strangest of all strange things, Gardiner has agreed to contest at 11st 10lb. Gardiner must have more belief in his pugilistic ability than we have when he concedes the "Cooler" at least a stone; for Gardiner, properly trained as training is understood, and not in the slipshod manner of the present day, Gardiner could easily box at 10st 10lb. In the last contest, if contest it could be called, it was more like a hugging match, the "Cooler" resorted to devices which should have caused him to be disqualified under strict Queensberry rules in the first round. From what we saw of the last contest the "Cooler's" day is past. He would be a baby in the hands of a clever man his own weight, but Gardiner would have to expose much better form than he did on the night of his first contest with the "Cooler" to enable the man from Ireland to give the black man the weight and a beating. We don't think boxing promoters or clubs will fall over each other in a desire to get hold of this match. In the recent contest most persons were desirous of seeing how the new bidder—as far as England was concerned—would shape for pugilistic high honours. This they have seen and read about, therefore we think a second match between George Gardiner and Frank Craig, in which the former presents the latter with a stone, would be hardly of interest to modern boxing sightseers—men who wish to speculate on undiscovered form, not form which has been thoroughly exposed, and then not of a very high order. Besides, how in the name of all that is holy can this be a match for the middle-weight championship of England. A challenge in our columns from Dan Creedon reminds this pair—who are fighting, or intend to fight, for an imaginary title—that he and he alone is the middle-weight champion of England, he, as our readers are aware, defeating the "Coffee Cooler" at the N.S.C. Therefore, as the person to be most consulted where a battle for this title is concerned, he issues a challenge to George Gardiner, the winner of the Gardiner v. Craig contest. As for the "Cooler," his day is past. His defeats by Tommy Ryan, Root, Tommy West in America, and lastly by George Gardiner in England do not render him a boxer for whose services boxing promoters or clubs would bid, but a match between Dan Creedon and George Gardiner would be a horse of another colour. A match where Dan Creedon takes a hand is always worth seeing, and a contest between Dan Creedon and George Gardiner would be doubly interesting.

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A match which should prove of absorbing interest at the National Sporting Club is the contest which will take place on the 15th of this month between "Dido" Plumb and Charley McKeever, our latest American arrival. "Dido" may be denominated the scourge of the stranger—black and white. It is quite four years since "Dido" tried his hand on the well-built and good-looking black Fred Morris, and received the award. Next, the stranger with Maori blood in his veins Billy Edwards, was put out by a rare piece of luck on the part of "Dido." Spectators were laying pounds to shillings when, in a cross-counter, "Dido" managed to land first on Edwards's temple. It was quite twelve hours before the lad from Australia managed to recover from the blow. Billy Heffernan was a fine specimen of a middle-weight, both in heigh and build. Billy trained like a trojan for his contest with "Dido" Plumb, yet Billy went down before the all-conquering arm of the "Kingsland Pet." Mr. Bettinson, the manager of the N.S.C., had seen Jemmy Ryan, of Australia, perform in America, and greatly fancied his (Jemmy's) style. Consequently when Jemmy came to this country he had no trouble in fixing up a match with "Dido" Plumb. (To our shame be it said our only reliable middle-weight boxer.) The history of that match is too recent to repeat hear, suffice to say that "Dido" Plumb was once more victorious. "Dido" is not a raffish, daffish, keep-the-change sort of fellow; he values every penny, and out of his many victories he has saved enough to become part proprietor of a house in South Hornsey called the Stack Rock. The Co. is Mr. Patterson, who likes to keep up the traditions of the neighbourhood by having a fighter or two on the premises. During "Dido's" absence at Southsea, where he is being trained by Johnny Hughes and "Ginger" Osborne, "Dido's" place is being kept warm by "Toff" Wall, one of the best natural fighters and boxers we have ever seen among the modern school. "Toff" has had so many punches on the ear-hole that he is unfortunately deaf, but he is still merry with all, and we do not think "Toff" ever took a liberty with anyone, except it was with his old guv'nor, Charley Bates. This was a parlour fight, in which fists were opposed to the poker and tongs, and the fists came out triumphant.

Charley McKeever came to this country several weeks ago with a pugilistic record as long as the "panoramic view of the Lord Mayor's Show." When a match could not be fixed up for the "Coffee Cooler" and George Gardiner at the N.S.C., the date Monday, October 15, had to be filled in, and "Dido" Plumb being communicated with, he was nothing loth, and Charley McKeever wishing to get to work a match was soon fixed up, and the men agreed to contest for the purse offered by the N.S.C. Both men are training on the South Coast; while "Dido" Plumb is located at Southsea, Charley McKeever, in company with his trainer, Dick Dorgan, is at Captain Drop's place near the sea at Brighton. Three weeks to get fit is thought no end of a long time in modern boxing; but in the days of old, when athletes were *almost* as good as they are to-day, no match was ever made for a pony (£25) a-side, but the men taking part in the match had at least six weeks' training. Boxers of to-day can hardly understand a man's skin fitting him like the parchment on a drum. There is no doubt however, that in this International battle the men will be as fit as hands can make them at their meeting on Monday week.

HE KEPT THE CROWD IN ORDER DURING THE SERMON.

The Biggest Tough in the Place Mounts Guard Over the Parson.

(Subject of Illustration.)

FAR away from civilisation a community consisting of miners, prospectors, coloured men, and a few toughs, or evil-disposed men who were outlawed and outcasts from other towns, formed a township a few miles from Cape Nome. It was not so far away that the arm of Christianity could not reach them, and early one Sunday morning the rough and uncouth residents were greatly surprised when a clerical gent put in an appearance to point a way for their salvation. At first he was hustled about, but one of their number, a regular bad man named Joe Pye, drew his pistol, and told his companions to give the minister a fair chance for a prayer, or otherwise he would load the disturber's carcass up with lead.

ENGAGED TO QUITE A NUMBER OF PRETTY GIRLS.

But an Unexpected Meeting upset the Show.

(Subject of Illustration.)

"EVERYTHING comes to the man who waits," sometimes too much, as in the case of Charles Draper, a regular mash, as the girls called him, for he was always making the best of his way through their affections, old and young, pretty or otherwise (as no girls are ugly). He paid his address to anything in petticoats in the most approved fashion, declaring to each that she, and only she, was the sole object of his devotions, but a climax was reached when two of the beauties simultaneously found that they had been deceived, and as each was bent on giving the seductive Charley a piece of her mind he was an easy winner of a good lecture.

SHE HUNG UP THE PUP IN THE "TWOPENNY TUBE."

A Smart Young Lady Finds a Place for her Pet.

(Subject of Illustration.)

LONDON has at last got its up-do-date railway, the 'twopenny tube," and visitors travelling east and west get blown through the hole for a couple of "stevers." Certainly once in the carriages the comfort is quite enjoyable, a seat for each person, and, unlike the other trucks in the "rats' hole," where your neighbour takes half your anatomy for a resting-place, in the "tube" all is as it should be, but ladies must not allow their pets to become a nuisance to others. One young lady with a pug entered a car, and before taking her seat quietly hung the animal up to a hat peg, not by its collar, but from a strap that went round dear Fido's waist.

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

AMONG the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—

Tom Sherman (ex-champion cricketer).
Charley Rider.
Prof. Coll (late officer Boer Army).
"Spider" Carr.
Tom Dixon (Newcastle).
Harman Lewis (Newcastle).
Jemmy Lowes (Newcastle).
George Gardiner (Ireland).
Owen Kenny (of America).
Jack Everhardt (of America).
Alf Lloyd.
Tommy Hogan (of America).
Billy Tucker (champion ball-puncher).
T. Nugent.
Daniel Cole.
Frank Gess.
Frank Craig (the "Coffee Cooler").
Peter Quinn (N.S. Wales).
Mr. Gavin.

AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, September 22, 1900.

Editor, The Mirror of Life, London.

Billy Brady has decided to alter his recent offer to Bob Fitzsimmons on behalf of Jim Jeffries, and give the former champion until December 1, instead of November 1, in which to accept Jeffries's recent challenge. In issuing a defi to Fitzsimmons, Brady says that the boiler-maker has established a new precedent, as it is not customary for the holder of a title in pugilism to challenge prospective opponents. Brady declares that Jeffries's injured arm is in shape to stand a vigorous course of training, and adds that the champion is now prepared to set a date for a battle with "Lanky Bob," something he was unable to do a few weeks' ago. To show his sincerity Brady states that he will bet the Cornishman and that he will give Bob 1,000 dols. the moment he signs articles of agreement, and 2,000 dols. more when he steps into the ring to fight. "In regard to Ruhlin," said Brady yesterday, "we are perfectly willing to do business with him, provided Fitz refuses to entertain a match with Jeffries. If Ruhlin wants a match after Fitz says he will not fight, he must post 2,500 dols. at once and 2,500 dols. more when the articles are signed on December 1, the match to take place before the club offering the best purse on February 1. On that date Ruhlin must post 5,000 dols. more to cover Jeffries's money. He also must agree that the winner takes all the purse, including the picture privileges, &c. The referee must be named, too, on February 1. If these two men do not care to fight, let them stop talking. Jeffries is the champion, and if they want to gain it they have to beat him first." "I'm glad to learn that William A. Brady is willing," Billy Madden says, "that Jeffries should meet Ruhlin, providing that Fitzsimmons refuses to arrange a match." Now the Cornishman has announced that he has retired for good, we are in a condition to hear Mr. Brady's terms, and make a reply to his unusual offer. He says: "That offer is very liberal on the part of Mr. Brady, and to show that I appreciate the terms and enter fully into their spirit I will make this offer: The men each to post 5,000 dols.; then 5,000 dols. more when the articles are signed, and 15,000 dols. by February 1, the cheques to be drawn on the Stage Money Bank. As a matter of fact, Jeffries never fought for 4 dols. a-side. No heavy-weights have fought for a side bet since Corbett and Fitz tried conclusions. I have made an offer to Brady stipulating that the winner take all of the purse, the fight to take place in any part of the world. I am still willing to bet 1,000 dols. on the side that Ruhlin beats Jeffries, and he did beat him in California, though the decision was unfairly called a draw. Now, if Mr. Brady doesn't accept my terms quickly, I may stand for one better and ask for 60 per cent. of the purse, win or lose, as I think that my man is a better drawing theatrical card than Jeffries." Some people have been unkind enough to say that gratitude is an "absent trait" of a fighter, but if they continue in their belief, there is one little fellow of whom they must make an exception. That one is Terry McGovern. It will be remembered that Terry got his first rise in the pugilistic world at a little South Brooklyn Club, known then as the Jackson Athletic Club. Since Terry has made his mark, that club has fallen out of existence, and only now comes back. It is reorganised, and has made the Greenwood Hall, at Twenty-second Street and Third Avenue, its headquarters. Hearing that McGovern named the Jackson Club as his starting point, the old members took heart and revived the institution. Terry, remembering what he owes the club, has offered to fit up their rooms with athletic apparatus. His offer has been accepted, and work has now begun on it. The members, appreciating Terry's kindness, have drawn up a set of resolutions of thanks, and will present them to him when he arrives in this city next week. At the Union Athletic Club last Thursday night, George Munroe, of New York, and Johnny Reagan, of Brooklyn, met in a twenty rounds bout. Referee Dick Howell called the encounter a draw. The crowd of over 2,400 persons cheered the decision. Dan Murphy, of Waterbury, and Harry Fisher, of Brooklyn, met in a ten rounds affair. Murphy was declared the winner. The preliminary was a "corker," in which Billy Ryan and Hughey Murphy, of New York, appeared. They went four rounds in the most sensational fashion. Dr. Ordway, the representative in this country of the National Sporting Club of London, told me last night that the statement made by Jem Corbett to the effect that he went to England for the purpose of buying the National Sporting Club was ridiculous. "The National Sporting Club is made up of members of the nobility," said Mr. Ordway, "and Corbett has as much chance of buying the club as he has of purchasing the Standard Oil Company." Dan Creedon last night knocked Billy Peyton, of Washington, out in the seventh round of what was scheduled to be a twenty-round bout at the Eureka Athletic Club. Creedon was by far too clever for the coloured man, and landed when and where he pleased.

THE TATTLER.

PATSEY SWEENY,

A Clever Light-Weight, of America, Who Has Challenged Johnny Hughes at 9st 12lb for £100 A-side.

(With Portrait.)

Born in Galway, Ireland, March 3, 1879. Height 5ft. 6in. Beat Jimmy Stewary, 11rds; beat Scotty Coyne, 5rds; beat "Andy" Robinson 2rds; beat John D. Ennis, 1rd; beat Billy Gardner, 10rds; drew with "Spike" Haley, 6rds; drew with Dan Snyder, 5rds; drew with "Kid" Lavigne, 6rds; drew with "Spike" Haley, 2rds; knocked out Bob Armstrong, 2rds; beat "Andy" Daly, 7rds; knocked out Dan Brennan, 2rds; knocked out Bob Wilson, 2rds; beat "Jig" Stone, 8rds; beat Ed. Meagher, 3rds; draw with E. Murray, 6rds; knocked out J. McMahon, 2rds; beat "Mose" King, 6rds; beat "Kid" Broad, 8rds; beat Martin Riley, 7rds; knocked out Billy Reed, 5rds; knocked out "Chip" Morrison, 2rds; knocked out Jack Ryan, 3rds; knocked out Jerome Quigley, 3rds; knocked out Otto Knote, 7rds; knocked out Jimmy Clare, 2rds; knocked out Frank Gibbs, 1rd; knocked out Billy Moore, 3rds; knocked out Jimmy Riley, 3rds; beat Tom Cleary, 6rds; beat Harry Bergen, 6rds; knocked out Martin Maloney, 3rds; knocked out Jack Sloan, 3rds; knocked out Jack Downey, 4rds; knocked out Billy Ernst, 2rds; knocked out Jack O'Brien, 8rds; beaten by George McFadden, 24rds.

JOE PALMER,

Trainer and Pedestrian, and Brother-in-Law to "Pedlar."

(With Portrait.)

Joe Palmer was born in 1870, and commenced racing four years ago, since which time he has competed in over 100 handicaps and races from 100yds to five miles, principal of which was the one mile Lincoln St. Leger Handicap, open to the world, at Lincoln, on August 19, 1893, which he won by a foot, beating men from all parts of the British Isles and France. Won two handicaps at Westminster Aquarium, and the four miles handicap at the Excelsior Baths, Bethnal Green, for picked men, beating such men as Arthur Norris, Len Hurst, Harry Grant, &c., and has lately won the one mile West of England championship. He has competed in races in the north, south, east, and west of England, winning no less than eighty prizes, fifty of which are firsts. Joe has recently had a well-merited benefit at the Bow Running Grounds, of which he is the official referee.

CHARLES F. BARDEN,

The Champion Cyclist, who Holds the World's Record for Several Distances.

(With Portrait.)

Charles Barden, the famous English cyclist, who was under a contract with the Swift Cycle Company and the Dunlop Tyre Company, made a tour throughout Australia and New South Wales in the hope of creating New Australian records, but the climate did not suit, and Barden is again in England on the war path for fresh records.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Letters are lying at our office for:—

Ben Harris, M.C. (two. Urgent).
J. W. Abbott.
Dick Burge.
P. Gorman.
Frank Leon (two).
R. Dobbs (two).
Miss Vesta Victoria.
George Campbell.
Sam Fitzpatrick.
J. Gans.
James Corbett (two) (of America).
"Greek" George.
Billy Ross.
Charles Connolly.
Driver Pincher.
Jem Holloway (of South Africa).
Ernie Greaves.
H. Chance Newton.
George Fox Giles.
Robert Fitzsimmons (three) (America).
Billy Plimmer.
Alec Hurley.
George Slark.
Claude Thompson.
C. McCoy.
Jem Hall (of Australia).
A. McDonald.

DENNIS "KID" McFADDEN,

A Clever American Bantam who Challenges "Pedlar" Palmer at 8st 4lb.

(With Portrait.)

Born October 21, 1883, at Dublin, Ireland, champion bantam-weight of the Pacific Coast, his record is as follows:—1896, knocked out Joe Foley, 3rds, San Francisco. 1897, knocked out Al. Smith, 4rds, San Francisco; knocked out Billy Lards, 2rds, San Francisco; won Billy Otts, 4rds. San Francisco; won Al. Smith, 4rds, San Francisco; won Hugh M'Laughlin, 4rds, San Francisco. 1898, draw Fred Maynard, 6rds, San Francisco; won Jack Smith, 6rds, San Francisco; won Jack Corrigan, 10rds, San Francisco; won Billy Murname, 6rds, Oakland; won Ed. Hurley, 8rds, Oakland; won Bud Terry, 1rd; knocked out Bud Terry, 10rds, Oakland; knocked out Jack O'Brien, 7rds, Oakland; knocked out Joe Burke, 12rds, Oakland. 1899, knocked out Buck Carson, 8rds, Oakland; knocked out "Kid" Hilton, 6rds, Oakland; knocked out "Andy" King, 10rds, Oakland; knocked out Joe Duffy, 2rds, Oakland; knocked out Dago Mike, 7rds, Colorado; knocked out Jim Daly, 5rds, Colorado; won Young Corbett, 4rds, Denver, Col.; knocked out "Kid" Gleasons, 2rds, St. Louis; knocked out Ed. O'Brien, 7rds, St. Louis; draw "Kid" O'Neil, 10rds, St. Louis; draw Maurice Roach, 20rds, St. Louis; draw "Tifton Slasher," 6rds, Chicago; won Young Ryan, 6rds, Chicago; draw Mike Bartley, 6rds, Chicago. 1900, knocked out Ed. O'Brien, 2rds, Chicago; knocked out Johnny Hines, 3rds, Pelican A.C., New York; knocked out Jack Norton, 7rds, Pelican A.C., New York; agreed to stop Johnny Hines and Eugene Garcia, 10rds each, at Hercules A.C., Brooklyn; defeated Hines 21rds, Garcia 4rds; knocked out Frank McConnell, 2rds, Pelican A.C.; knocked out "Kid" Chadwick, 1rd, Sampson A.C.; knocked out Jemmy Rose, 11rds, Madison Square Garden; beat Moxey Haugh, 10rds, National A.C.; beat Johnny Donnelly, 10rds, Pelican A.C.; beat Billy Hill, 2rds, Sampson A.C.; beat George Monroe, 20rds, Sampson A.C.; beat "Kid" Herrick and M. Hennessy same night, 10rds each, Rochester, N.Y.; beat Hughey Murphy, 8rds, Sampson A.C.; beat Paddy Donovan, 5rds, Philadelphia; beat Jack Ashton, 6rds, Philadelphia; beat Patsey Haley, 6rds, Philadelphia.

HE WAS PROHIBITED FROM VISITING HIS ADMIRED.

Father and Bull Pup Came Unexpectedly on the Scene.

(Subject of Illustration.)

The course of true love never did run smooth, and the love of James Templar and his inamorata, Maud Fielding, was nearly brought to a conclusion when the gentleman was prohibited the house under pain of, if caught again upon the premises, being kicked out of the neighbourhood; but, lovers-like, they met in secret, for, with clever hands and feet, James would scale to the lady's bower. This he accomplished many times, but his luck was out, and the old gentleman and the bull dog at the same time, so that James was caught between the devil and the deep sea. He chose the deep sea by jumping well over the garden wall, at the risk of breaking his neck in making good his escape.

DROVE THE ALLIGATORS THROUGH THE STREETS.

But the Authorities Prohibited the Reptiles.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Man has pressed into his service every useful living animal, bird, or reptile as a labour-saving assistance—the horse for work, the hound for the chase, and Chinamen keep tame birds who dive and secure the fish which abound in the Celestial rivers. But in the State of Virginia, U.S.A., a man trained a couple of alligators and harnessed them to his cart. The unwieldy reptiles, although slow, were very strong, but the authorities considered them dangerous to other pedestrians, and the crocodiles were slain, and their bodies now repose in the local museum.

TOM AND LILY ENGLISH,

Popular American Entertainers and Instrumentalists.

(With Portraits.)

The subjects of the present sketch are almost too well known to require any lengthy introduction from us. We congratulate the popular favourites upon the excellence and refinement of their entertainment. Miss English, by whom all musical instruments from the cornet to the harp are with equal ease manipulated, gives a clever imitation of the American mocking bird on the violin. To vary the business Tom plays a violin solo, which is one of the funniest things of its nature imaginable. Before appearing on the music-hall stage Mr. English was a member of the Haverley Minstrel Troupe.

LOST AND FOUND.

"I called in answer to an advertisement for a boy," said a bright-faced little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the mill owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat, and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. "It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. He thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Phillip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London." "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so?" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep of the family," who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief, and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]

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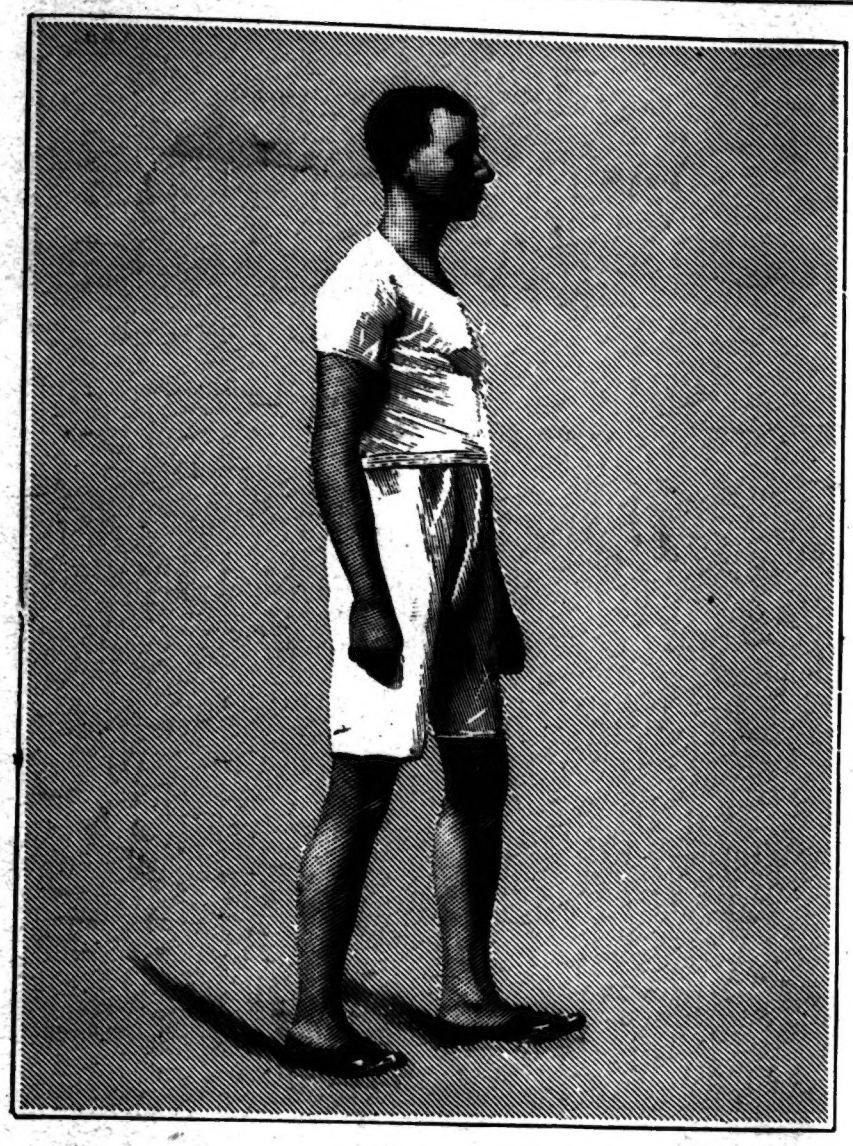

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A Clever Light-Weight, of America, who has Challenged Johnny Hughes at 9st 12lb for £100 a-side.

ENGAGED TO QUITE A NUMBER OF PRETTY GIRLS,
But an Unexpected Meeting Upsets the Show.

SKITTLES.—AT ISSY MENDOZA'S the Anchor and Hope, Brook Street, Ratcliffe, the headquarters of the Black Diamond Sports Club, the members and friends of this newly-formed club mustered in great force on Wednesday, the 19th ult, to celebrate the grand opening of the winter season of indoor games. Amongst the members we were pleased to see such well-known supporters of athletics as Captain Sam Skinner, one of the principal backers of the ex-champion, George Bubear, who recently rowed Emmett on the Thames; Vice-Captain Geo. Shephard, late of Shakespeare Tavern, Jubilee Street; Tom Tyler; Fred Smith (ped.), well known in the days of Coburne Road Ground; Tom Palmer; Geo. Jennings (rat-catcher to the Prince of Wales), and several good and true sports, under whose management the club bids fair to become famous amongst the sons of hardy toil in the East, and it is their intention to spare no expense in order that they may be able to produce a champion in some branch of sport connected with athletics. We may mention that the secretary, Mr. William Sullivan, is a sufficient guarantee that they have selected the right man to fill that important post, and to inaugurate the grand opening night it was arranged that a match at skittles should take place in their well-appointed saloon, between Mr. J. Mendoza and Mr. Geo. Smith, the well-known tonsile artist, of Ratcliffe, to play at eleven chalks up for a trophy, ball to be delivered 6ft. from front pin. The first half of the game proved to be very interesting, first one and the other gaining the chalk, but in the end Mendoza proved the strongest player, and finally won the game by two chalks. This over, the captain, S. Skinner, and vice, G. Shephard, stripped to play the best of five chalks at one step and a follow, and after a very exciting game, they tieing no less than fifteen times, the gallant captain won by one chalk, amidst loud cheers. Tom Tyler and Fred Smith now took the arena to play three chalks up. This proved another hard struggle, and was won by the jolly Tyler. An adjournment was now made for the club room, where a capital smoker was held, Captain Skinner in the chair, faced by vice-captain G. Shephard. The piano discoursed a splendid selection by the accompanist, Mr. Baldwin. The chairman led off, rendering a capital Irish ditty, after which he desired all to drink success to the Black Diamond Sports Club, and, it is needless to say, it was drank with great applause, the vice-chairman Mr. Shephard now proposed that they should charge glasses and drink success to THE MIRROR OF LIFE and their representative and referee, Mr. Joe Farrell, for his kindness in coming to referee their three matches that evening, and that he was happy to see him once more, as he had known him and his son, Young Joe, for a number of years and had always found them in their professional capacities as boxers most obliging and gentlemanly in all their undertakings, and he now proposed, with the consent of Captain Skinner, that Mr. Joe Farrell should be made honorary member of the Black Diamond Sports Club, this being seconded by Captain Skinner, and put to the meeting was carried by three times three. Our representative on rising to return thanks for the honour they accorded him stated that the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE would only be too pleased to assist them in anything appertaining to good, sound and healthy sport, and wished them every success in their new venture. The harmony was proceeded with by the following artists: Mack and Hill, J. McGregore with his magic flute, Mr. Mendoza sang "All Round the Town." Great praise must be given to Charles Carthy, Fred Smith, and W. Sullivan in carrying out the arrangements of the above matches, and also to the worthy host and hostess for their splendid catering. We may mention that the next grand entertainment is fixed for Wednesday, October 3, when a strong programme will be placed before the members.

MOUTH ORGAN CHAMPIONSHIP.—Egerton Lewis, of Llanhilleth, near Crumlin, Mon., is still open to play anyone, barring no one, the best three out of five tunes on the harmonic for no less than £5, MIRROR OF LIFE to be stakeholder. Both sides to pick and agree to adjudicator. And would gladly play either Richards or Jones, of Aberdare (singly), for from £5 upwards. Would meet them any time at T. Davies, Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, to make a match.

A CLUB WALK FROM LONDON TO Brighton and Back.—The Surrey Walking Club purpose promoting a walking race from London to Brighton and back, to see whether the double journey can be accomplished in twenty-four hours. When E. M. R. Dundas (L.A.C.) was training for his memorable 100 miles match with J. E. Dixon (L.A.C.) he walked to and from Brighton on more than one occasion, but there is no known record of the time actually taken. His successful opponent contented himself with a walk from London to Southend and back. The journey out and home occupied a little less than nineteen hours.

CENTRAL WEIGHT-LIFTING CLUB.—This club, which has been established for the promotion of weight-lifting and physical culture generally, has fitted up in a very elaborate manner a gymnasium at 203, High Holborn, W.C. The list of officers comprises Messrs. Chas. Vanaittart (president), Adolphus Drucker (vice-president), Messrs. John Wilkinson, Chas. Von-Lom, and W. P. Caswell (committee), while the duties of honorary secretary are entrusted to Mr. F. R. Slade-Jones, the well-known exponent of this art. A special display was given at the gymnasium on Monday night, when there was a good attendance of members, the principal performers being Mr. Slade-Jones and the brothers Caswell. These three young giants accomplished some very clever feats, while several of the members hoisted 100lb dumbbells aloft from floor to arm's length above the head, which is the test for membership. Those aspirants who fail in this feat are put on the probation list for six months. Among the feats performed was the elevation by Mr. Slade-Jones of 140lb dumb-bell with the left. Mr. W. P. Caswell followed with a like weight, which he hoisted with the right. Mr. Caswell then elevated 112lb with the right, and 80lb with the left at one lift. Mr. Slade-Jones then hoisted the 150lb bar-bell with the right, and Mr. W. P. Caswell followed suit. Then both alternately tackled the 148lb bar-bell with two hands, which each successively hoisted. After which came the feats of the evening. The 164lb bar-bell elevated by Mr. Slade-Jones with one hand, and Mr. Caswell easily hoisted 205lb with two hands. There is a deal to be learned in witnessing these performances, and a close observer will soon discover that there is a good deal of what might be denominated science connected with the art of lifting heavy weights.

DEATH OF A SHEFFIELD AND Powderhall Handicap Winner. — George Grant, of Edinburgh, the once famous sprinter, died on Monday last at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Deceased was only thirty-four years of age, and a big, strapping fellow. Late in the eighties Grant was at his best, and his running was commanding attention, particularly in Edinburgh, where he resided. The handicaps promoted by Mr. Lapsley, at Powderhall Grounds, Edinburgh, were fast becoming the most popular in the country, and in 1887 Grant showed his worth by wading through his heats, and qualifying for the final heat. The distance was 130yd, and the first prize £100. Grant was in receipt of 15yd start, and he was beaten for first place by twelve inches only, J. Hamilton, Queensferry, 13yds start, securing the verdict. Twelve months later, however, Grant justified the confidence reposed in him by his backers, for with 13½yds start he won the New Year Handicap at Powderhall by a yard and a half from J. McDonald, Glasgow, the second man home, to whom Grant was conceding 2½yds start. The time was 12 1-5sec. On March 5, 1889, Grant capped his career by winning the Sheffield Handicap. The downfall of Adam was the downfall of George Grant. We well remember being at Sheffield when George won his handicap, and the burnishers of Sheffield follow a succeeful sprinter, like London ladies a successful boxer. In one house (public) alone we saw George holding a regular seraglio. In Sheffield houses you do not stand at the bar, you enter a well upholstered room, you jerk the tinkler, and the waiter appears.

JARVIS'S SWIMMING RECORD.—With the decision of the 500yds amateur championship on Tuesday evening, September 25, at Hyde Baths, which was won by J. A. Jarvis, of Leicester, in 6min 49 1-5sec., the amateur champion repeated his fine performance of 1898, when he placed the five distance championships to his credit, viz., the 440yds salt water, 500yds, half mile, mile, and long distance. Last year Jarvis was not quite so successful, as he could only finish second to F. C. V. Lane in the 440yds salt water championship. Jarvis has now won the latter event twice, the 500yds, the half-mile, and long distance each three times, and the mile in four successive years.

SATURDAY CYCLING AT CRYSTAL Palace. — An interesting programme of cycling events was run through at the Crystal Palace track on Saturday. A. S. Ingram (Polytechnic) won the N.C.U. Ten-mile Championship, A. L. Reed (Queen's) secured the Five-mile Race for the Hospital Sports Challenge Cup, while H. P. Rose (*Sun*) took both the Half-mile and One Mile Open Handicaps.

WALKING MATCH FOR A TENNER. —The match to walk one mile level for £5 a-side took place last Thursday at the Hare and Hounds, Lea Bridge Road, between Bill Slater (Bethnal Green) and Alf Pepper (Walthamstow). The challenge arose when the suburban representative won the tradesmen's handicap, his now rival stating that it was almost a walk-over. After a deal of talk it was decided to walk at the above-named resort, THE MIRROR OF LIFE to appoint referee and timekeeper. No better or more genuine race was ever seen, as in the first place there was no gate money, everybody witnessing the bout without any charge, and, secondly, the heaviest bettors were the opponents themselves. THE MIRROR OF LIFE acted as referee, and appointed Eddy Pearce starter and Fred Hammond timekeeper, so that a start was made but a short while after the advertised time, 5.15 p.m. As soon as they started Pepper took the lead, and before they had gone half-way round the first time led by four yards, but on passing the starting-post there was only a foot between them. Slater spurted, drew up, and led by about four yards during the next turn, but slowing down there was only a short space between when they started the third round. Inches separated them the rest of the way, and after a grand race Pepper won by six inches. The winner was trained and looked after by W. Gill, the Essex champion. Had not Slater had a professional walker to try and take him along in the second turn he could have reserved the spurt he then made to the final, and maybe have won. As soon as we noticed the pacing we ordered the runner off the ground, but it did not make any difference, as the damage had been done and most likely cost Slater the race. The last-named was not satisfied, and they agreed to meet about twelve o'clock on Monday at THE MIRROR OF LIFE to make another match for £10, open to £25 a-side. Considering the state of the weather the time, 8min 24sec, was very good. Mr. Leigh acted as stakeholder, and at the close of the proceedings received a cordial vote of thanks.

TROTTING RECORD.—IN CON- nection with the second annual horse show held at Wembley Park on Wednesday, the chief feature was a magnificent exhibition of trotting and pacing by horses from the famous American stud of the brothers Winans. To start with, Mr. Walter Winans' Lake Erie and Princell beat the English two miles pair-horse record of 5min 37½sec made by them at Charing (Kent) on August 1 by a little over 10sec, doing the distance in 5min 27 1-5sec, with a flying start. The other attempts, however, proved failures. Mr. Walter Winans, driving Barney F, failed by 2sec to beat the European mile wager record of 2min 52 2-5sec, held by his own horse Rade Stanton, while Mr. Louis Winans' Passing Belle and Rhoda Ferrand failed by 20sec to beat 2min 35 1-5sec, the time for the one mile pair-horse English record.

L.A.C. SPORTS AT STAMFORD Bridge. — Although the absence of C. Bennett was a disappointment to many, the sports of the L.A.C. at Stamford Bridge attracted a capital attendance, and an interesting afternoon's racing was seen. C. H. Jupp showed a return to form, and secured both the 100 and 200 Yards Handicaps with a yard and two yards start respectively, and accomplished good times. He also won the Club Championship Cup given by the president, Mr. W. M. Chinnery, for scoring most points during the year.

THE LAST OF THE SEASON'S Sculling Races.—Rowing men were very busy on the Thames on Saturday, and the leading clubs have now brought the season's work to a close, London R.C., Thames R.C., and Vesta R.C. all deciding their concluding races. The London R.C. Coat and Badge for apprentices was won by E. Barry, of St. Margaret's.

WRESTLING MATCH FOR £40.—At the Snipe Inn Grounds, Audenshaw, on Saturday, a wrestling match was decided between J. Phillips, of Duukinfield, and Herbert Taylor, of Hurst, who contested the best of three back falls in the Lancashire style, at catch-weights, for £20 a-side. There was a good attendance, and betting closed at 6 to 4 on Taylor, who gained the first fall in 14min, and the second in 2min 50sec, both by the aid of the "far arm."

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BILLIARDS SOUTHWARD-HO! — To give his visitors an entertainment above the common standard Jack Hammond, the proprietor, engaged the champion hand-stroke player of the world, F. W. Millbank, to contest 1,500 up against Triv. Dawson. The last named, though only a lad, is capable at the game of billiards of extending any third-class player, and with time will make it warm for any professional. His delicacy of touch and command over the balls is, for a youngster, astounding, and had the game not been a foregone battle, we might have seen him do his best. That is a rather strong word, foregone conclusion, but when a friend of Millbank's offered to take a bet he made 500 in a break it seems so. Millbank is open to give Roberts or any other man 9,000 in 24,000, and we think he could do it. Playing with his fingers he put more side on a ball than any man playing the game, and some cannons of 4, 5, and 6 cushions were really amazing. His judgment of pace, too, is excellent, and any amount of nurseries were made without moving the balls an inch. It would be a battle royal if a good player with two cues was to contest against him for money, the only chance either would have of winning after the start would be the other getting tired. To place the ball where you please, give it a twirl, with side on, and send it wherever you like is a contrast to the ordinary game of billiards. Why it seemed as if Millbank could make as many as he wanted to, and he told us his biggest break is 6,976. The game does not need any description as Millbank, though giving a grand exhibition of all round play, was never in danger of losing, and finally won by 141. His best innings consisted of 134, 76, 117, 60, 48, 40 (three times), and many smaller ones. The youngster's additions amounted to 31, 30 (twice), 28, 25, 20 (four times), 18, etc., and Dawson gained applause for many fine shots. A display of fancy shots by Millbank was appreciated by an attentive audience. When the end was reached Mr. H. Dawson presented the winner with a silver match-box in honour of the occasion.

A NEW RECORD FOR THE QUARTER- Mile.—At New York on Saturday M. W. Long, of New York A.C., the winner of the English quarter-mile amateur championship last July, created a world's record, covering a quarter of a mile on a circular track in 47 4-5sec.

QUOITS: BARLOW QUOIT GROUND, Adjoining the Black Horse Inn.—£1 added to all entrances of 1s. A large number of spectators were present to witness the following heats:—J. Robinson (14) 31, T. Parkin (17) 29; Mike Whitfield (scratch) 31, J. G. Best (8) 20; J. Gardener (14) 21, G. Dunn (17) 31; D. Little (15) 31, G. Bell (17) 22; T. Wilson (scratch) 31, A. Carter (17) 20; T. March (9) 31, Bob Gardner (14) 20; Sammy Houp (five before scratch), 31 T. Parkin (second lot, 17) 23.

A QUOIT MATCH BETWEEN DICK Elliott, Spen, and G. Irwin, Spen, for £10 a-side on the grass in a field close to Black Horse Inn, Barlow. Betting, evens. Scores: Irwin, 41; Elliott, 34.

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A Desperado's Bold and Daring Robbery.

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A DESPERADO named Will Coulton had long been the terror of the Western towns, and, bold and daring to a degree, he would venture on any scheme of plunder and murder single-handed. His last exploit in this direction was to visit a saloon, and although there were other visitors drinking at the bar, he drew a brace of revolvers, and, aiming one at the head of the proprietor, demanded his money, and with the other revolver kept at bay the other customers. Being a dead shot, the man handed over some pounds, and Coulton departed. His movements were then traced, and in a fight with the officers he was shot through the head, death being instantaneous.

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EVENTS TO COME.

THE following contests will take place during October:—

OCTOBER 6.—Boxing at the New Adelphi Club, London.

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OCTOBER 8.—At the National Sporting Club' London, 10st Novices' Competition; Bill Wood v. "Wag" Ashley, both of Bermondsey, fifteen rounds, and other boxing.

OCTOBER 11.—Mr. J. T. Hull's Grand Boxing Tournament at the Drill Hall, Woolwich.

OCTOBER 15.—At the National Sporting Club, London, Charlie McKeever v. "Dido" Plumb, fifteen rounds; George Cunningham v. Jack Goldswain, ten rounds; Harry Churchill v. Bill Stonelake, six rounds; and other boxing.

OCTOBER 20—Mr. J. T. Hull's Grand Boxing Tournament at the Drill Hall, Woolwich.

OCTOBER 22.—At the National Sporting Club, London, Bill Lampshire v. Andrew Tokel, fifteen rounds; six rounds contests, and other boxing.

OCTOBER 29.—At the National Sporting Club, London, Jack Guyon v. Tom Hands, fifteen rounds; 11st 4lb Novices' Competition; and other boxing.

BOXING AT THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

TOM DIXON DEFEATS JEM BARRY.

THROWING OPEN THE PORTALS of the National Sporting Club may be said to start the boxing season, for it is here at this institution that all lovers of the noble art endeavour to attend when they wish to see the sport governed and carried out as it should be, and we feel sure that under the management of Mr. "Peggy" Bettinson everything that can be will be done to ensure success and comfort for those whose only wish is for fair play and to sustain the world wide reputation which the club possesses. A strong programme was made up of four six rounds contests, the principal item being a fifteen rounds contest between Tom Dixon, of Newcastle—a protégé of Jemmy Lowes—and Jem Barry, of St. James's, London. The latter was hardly as fit as he might have been, carrying too much flesh; but Dixon was in the best possible condition, and after putting up a game and plucky show, Barry, distressed in the seventh round, could not keep the Tynesider out, and falling to the boards, the referee stopped the contest in favour of the lad from Newcastle. On entering the ring the north-countryman was favourite, but not a blow was struck, and there being no speculation on the event whatever, no money changed hands—in fact, Dixon's supporters tried, but could not invest a penny on the lad's chance, and were very disappointed. The officials were: Mr. J. H. Douglas, referee; Mr. Eugene Corri, timekeeper; Mr. A. F. Bettinson, M.C., and Mr. J. E. Dewhurst assisting. Details:—

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

YOUNG SPOONEY beat C. SMIRKE
(Lambeth) (Southwark).

Spooney taller, with length of reach, was enabled to easily reach his man, but the latter went well and was clever. In the second round Spooney with his left scored, but at close quarters Smirke managed to hold his own. Spooney in the third round kept up the attack, Smirke countering well. In the fourth round Spooney changed his tactics and drove the left hand on the ribs several times, the exchanges by both being heavy. He added to his lead in the fifth round, and after showing a bit the better form all through the sixth the referee awarded him the verdict.

THREE ROUNDS TRIAL.

GEORGE SLARK (Wood Green) v. BILLY SMITH (New York).

This turned out to be one of the best bouts of the evening. Both lads in earnest, and a hard scientific three rounds were contested. So well pleased were the company that they were recalled.

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

BILL DICKINSON (Finsbury) beat AL LLOYD (St. Luke's).

Lloyd had the best of height and reach, which enabled him to reach his rival. The latter was receiver-general all through the first and second rounds, but in the third round the voice of the charmer whispered directions, and lo and behold, Dickinson with the right hand on the mark brought off the good thing, Lloyd being counted out.

THREE ROUNDS TRIAL.

HARRY CHAMBERLAIN (Bow) v. ALF TAYLOR (Upton Park).

This was a busy go all through, both lads showing fairly decent form. This concluded Mr. Bettinson introduced to the company the American notables in the persons of George Gardiner, Jack Everhardt, and Charley McKeever. Then came another

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

JEM KENRICK (Hackney) beat JEM STROUD (Lambeth).

Jem Kenrick, shorter than his rival, put in a lot of strong work, and twice sent his man down. He was all over Stroud. Stroud fought hard to equalise matters in the second meeting, but in a lengthy mix-up was again floored, and remained down and was counted out.

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

JOE PARKER (Smithfield) beat TOM COOPER (Islington).

A nicely-matched pair, and both demonstrated that they could hit hard, and there was very little in it until the fourth round, when Cooper tired, and Parker scoring gained a hard-earned victory. A short interval for refreshments, and the principal event on the card was in progress by the entry of Tom Dixon enveloped in a big overcoat, having for his attendants Jem Styles, Barney Sheppard, and "Spider" Carr. A few seconds later Barry made his way to his corner, having Harry Webster, Nat Smith, and George Wood as his seconds. All ready the pair stood up for a

FIFTEEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

TOM DIXON (Newcastle) beat JEM BARRY (London).

Barry feinted, and Dixon shot the left on the ribs, and they clinched. They roughed it a bit, and broke away. Barry was evidently nettled, and drove the right hand on the Tynesider's ribs. Up for the second time, after a couple of exchanges Barry went in, but he nailed a reminder from his rival's left and right. Barry was the aggressor, but Dixon countered, and his body blows told. Barry missed as he swung for the dial. Dixon cleverly ducking under the blow, clinched. At the third meeting both hit out at long range, Dixon again having the best of the exchanges, scoring well with the left. Barry's condition was telling against him, and he was blowing. The fourth go Barry forced the pace, and drove Dixon to the ropes, getting home with both hands, after which Dixon took a hand at the game, and Barry tired towards the close. Dixon started the fifth with a couple of straight lefts on the dial. Barry swung in hopes of a knockout, but the blow fell harmlessly over Dixon's head. Barry had all the worst of it, but stuck pluckily to his job. The sixth round Barry tried for a knockout. Dixon confined his attention to his opponent's ribs, and brought Barry to his knees. The latter went weak on rising. Dixon, stronger, had matters all his own way. The seventh meeting proved to be the last. With straight lefts Dixon kept Barry out, and forced the latter around the ring. A blow on the mark finished matters. Barry dropped, thoroughly tired out, and the referee stopped the contest and awarded the verdict to the Tynesider.

JEM LONG, OF LEEDS, LATE of Bradford, is open to box any 8st 4lb lad of the North of England for the best purse offered, or will box Bert North, of London, the best of twenty rounds at catch-weight if the Leeds and County Athletic Club will give a £15 purse—£12 for the winner and £3 for the loser, as business only is meant

HARRY WILLIAMS, ROTHERHAM, brother to Joe Williams, 7st champion, England, is open to box anybody in Lancashire or Yorkshire at 6st 4lb, for £10 or £15 a-side and best purse offered.

HARPER, OF SALFORD, WILL MEET any lad at 6st 10lb or 6st 8lb. Sorry that McLeavy's backers could not find £25, but if they find the above sum Harper will meet him at 7st.

BOXING AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

A FINE NIGHT'S BOXING.

THE SPACIOUS CIRCUS IN LYNN Street was filled to excess last Saturday evening, when a special boxing entertainment was staged by the West Hartlepool Gymnasium. For a long time the inhabitants of Stockton, Redcar, Middlesbrough, Seaton Carew, and the locality have been wanting the winter to arrive, as then the favourite sport of the North is in full blast. The principal event of the night was a twenty rounds contest for £80 between George Capstick, of South Shields, and "Dummy" Forest, of London. These two lads were matched to contest twenty rounds with 4oz gloves for £25 a-side, and accepted the purse offered at the north-country resort. Among the bouts of Capstick contests with such well-known men as Frank Exall, Jack McNemee, Bill Doyle, and Harry Gill figure, while in the Londoner's record there are contests with Abe Hyde, Jem Casey, Bill Dickson, Jack Calder, "Nutty" Williams, Archie Wright, Jack Fitzpatrick, &c. The match caused a considerable amount of excitement in Newcastle, South Shields, &c., and as north-countrymen like to bet, a large amount of money depended on the result, Capstick being favourite at 5 to 4 on. THE MIRROR OF LIFE was called upon to send a referee from London and appoint timekeeper. Besides the above the programme consisted of a twelve rounds contest for £10 a-side and a £15 purse, between Harry Ponting (Wheatley Hill) and Dan Angus (South Shields), and a 8st 2lb competition open to Stockton, Middlesbrough, and the Hartlepools, East and West, for four valuable prizes. The executive, Messrs. Carter, McArthur, Motram, Fitzpatrick, Jones, McCale, and Scrafton, saw in a very efficient manner to the general arrangements. The weighing process took place satisfactorily, both scaling the same weight. The doors were opened at 7.30, and soon the circus was well filled by an eager assembly of boxing patrons, and as time wore on a dense mass of people got together. THE MIRROR OF LIFE acted as referee, Mr. T. Compton as timekeeper, and Mr. Fred Watt as M.C.

TWELVE ROUNDS CONTEST.

H. PONTING beat DAN ANGUS.

They fought like tigers, and evidently bad blood was the cause of their meeting, from start to finish, and both were dead tired at the close of the round. The second and third were similar repetitions of hard and wild fighting, and during the last half minute of the third round Angus was sent to sleep.

8st 2lb COMPETITION—(Four prizes).

As there were only four competitors two prizes were given.

C. CONLIN (Stockton) beat W. POWER (W. Hartlepool).

A fierce bout ensued as soon as they stood up, and for a minute the exchanges were equal, but putting a lot of power behind his blows Conlin sent Power to sleep before the round ended.

J. LYNN (W. Hartlepool) beat S. MOTRAM (W. Hartlepool).

The two were trying to gain the winning end, and though slow, were in earnest and hitting as hard as they could, had each other weak at the end of the round. Motram was weak, but gamely contested the journey, but his opponent had done enough to win in the first two rounds, and he received the decision.

FINAL (Four Rounds).
CONLIN beat LYNN.

Conlin had all the best of the exchanges, and scoring almost as he pleased took a long lead. In the second round Lynn received a hard blow on the mark, and to save him further punishment the bout was stopped.

Three Rounds Exhibition: "Spot" Handley and "Sack" Powell.

TWENTY ROUNDS CONTEST.

GEORGE CAPSTICK v. "DUMMY" FOREST.

It was a case of hard blows as soon as they started, and making the most of his height and reach Capstick sent "Dummy" to the boards no less than eight times, and though getting up only to be sent down Forest lasted out time. The second and third rounds were all in favour of Capstick, who scored all the way, the Londoner saving himself, and during the next meeting he began to force the exchanges. Fierce fighting now took place, Forest having the best of the exchanges, though the points were all in Capstick's favour. In the fourth round the north-countryman was sent to the boards, and was down five seconds when he arose and went the distance. The fight was a very hard one, and in the tenth round Capstick, with a right hook, put "Dummy" out. The audience wanted to see the Londoner win, and a challenge was thrown out for both of them to contest again on the same terms. The management was of the best, perfect order being kept without any noise, and the audience were perfectly satisfied with the splendid entertainment.

CHARLEY RIDER IS WILLING TO box "Tony" Amor four rounds on "Ponk" Andrews's benefit night at the Town Hall, Shoreditch.

BOXING IN THE BLACK COUNTRY.—Professor Cullis, who is at present touring the Black Country, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., provided an excellent boxing entertainment at his commodious pavilion, situate on the Wake Grounds, Brierley Hill, between Bonny Ike, of Bilston, and W. ("Binkey") Wilkes, of Bradley, who were matched to box for endurance at catch-weight, for £25, and a purse of £5 added by Professor Cullis, Mr. Joe Martin, the well-known Bradley sportsman, on behalf of Wilkes staking £15 to £10. Of the two Bonny Ike is much the better known, having been successful both as a ped. and a boxer. He started with defeats by Charley Hughes on two occasions, in a six and four rounds contest; beat S. Doughty, of Bilston, in seven rounds for £20; and beat Joe Melaney, of Wolverhampton, in two rounds for £15. In the latter, Bonny showed such form that his backers were willing for him to box any novice in the district at his weight. He was in splendid condition, being trained by Billy Proberts, from the Bull and Mouth Inn, Bilston. Wilkes is noted locally as a terror with the raw 'uns, and has won many impromptu mills. Last year he defeated J. Springthorpe, of Bilston, in two rounds, for £10. He is much the heavier man, hence the odds; however, he carried a lot of superfluous flesh, and was not nearly in condition. Party feeling ran high, and great excitement prevailed, the show being packed with an enthusiastic crowd, amongst whom were:—Joe Darby (ex-champion jumper), Mr. W. Parrish (backer of the late Arthur Akers, of Leicester, and amateur champion ball-puncher of the Midlands), Sam Hughes, Tom Jones, and Tom Robinson (of Bilston), Mr. J. Russell (proprietor of the Victoria Grounds, Wolverhampton), Enoch Cooksey (an old-time pugilist), and many other sportsmen. There was plenty of money for each competitor, but for a long time both parties held out for odds. Finally, an even £50 was accepted by Wilkes's backer, Mr. Martin. This was the signal for more heavy wagering, Bonny being in strong demand at evens, and altogether a big sum depended on the result. Round 1. The contrast was very marked between the pair, but Bonny looked much the healthier. Wilkes, who was greeted as the cast-iron man, was first to get to work, and forced Bonny to retreat, and had much the better of the opening exchanges, causing Bonny to use his legs and head to avoid some well-meant blows. Urged by his supporters Bonny stood his ground, and in a rally slipped down. Rising, he went for Wilkes with a will, sending some nasty blows into his stomach, and with some heavy right-handers on Wilkes's head had the latter a bit tottery on his pins when "Time" was called. Round 2. Their excited supporters again urged them on, and the pair losing their heads the work was of a scrambling nature, both swinging wildly for all they were worth. Bonny occasionally landed some heavy right-handers. Finally he downed Binkey, and as the latter was rising rushed wildly at him. He made a savage uppercut with his left, but luckily he missed by the closest of shaves. Rising very groggy, Wilkes was rushed into his own corner. Meanwhile cries of "Foul" were raised, but unheeded. Condition now told its tale, and Wilkes was twice more sent to the boards, time coming to his aid. Round 3 and last. Wilkes faced the music pluckily, but Bonny gave him no chance, and drove him all over the ring. In his anxiety he missed many chances, but he succeeded in knocking all the fight out of Wilkes, and the latter falling helpless and dazed on to the ropes, was pasted heavily with both hands by the ever strong and smiling Bonny. Wilkes then held out his hand as a token of defeat, and the referee awarded the contest to Bonny Ike amidst tremendous cheering. The loser's backer was not satisfied, and offered to match Wilkes again for £25 or £50 a-side with a reasonable time for training. The arrangements for the contest were excellent and fully up to date, reflecting great credit on the proprietor, Mr. W. Parrish, of The Poplars, Pensnett, acted as timekeeper, and Mr. Thos. Pike referee.

HARRY SMITH, OF BARNSBURY, would like to box H. Newman, of Holloway, six rounds, if George Ames will give a purse.

BOB ALLEN WILL BOX JOE Martin or Bill Everett for the best purse offered. Allen will have a side bet on the result.

TED MORTIMER IS OPEN TO BOX Jack Fulton at catch-weight for the best purse offered, or if Mr. Alec Thompson will find the needful.

BILL HEWITT. HEARING THAT Bill Cooper has talked about boxing him, will be pleased to box him six or eight rounds if any promoter will give a purse.

DAN WELLIGAN, OF BIRKENHEAD has been officially appointed to referee all matches at the new Liverpool Gymnastic Club.

W. J. BUTLER, ONE-LEG IRISH boxing champion, is open to meet any one-leg boxer in England or Scotland for £50 a-side.

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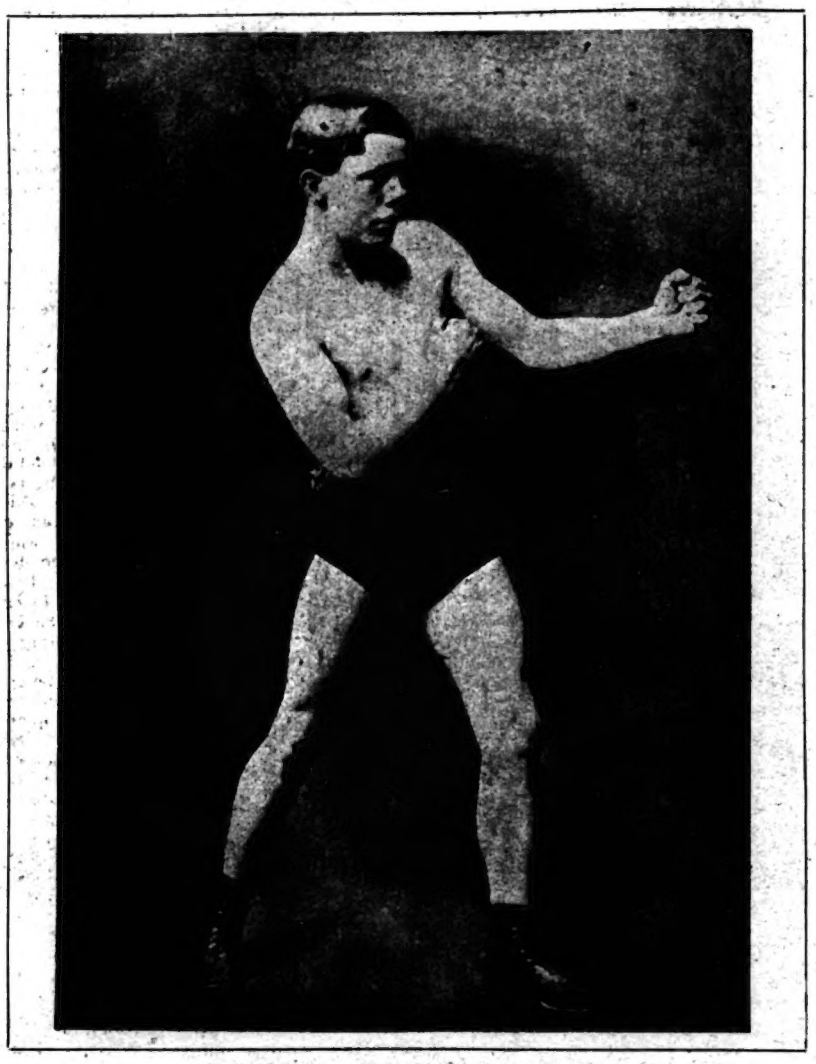

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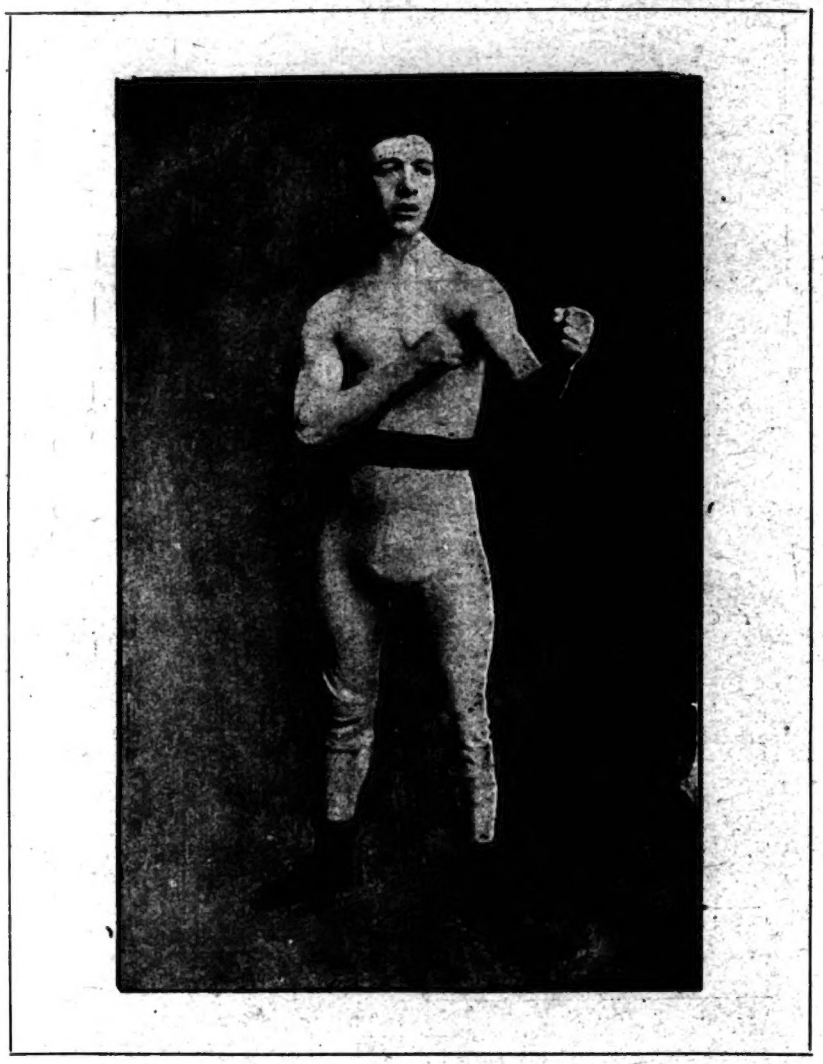

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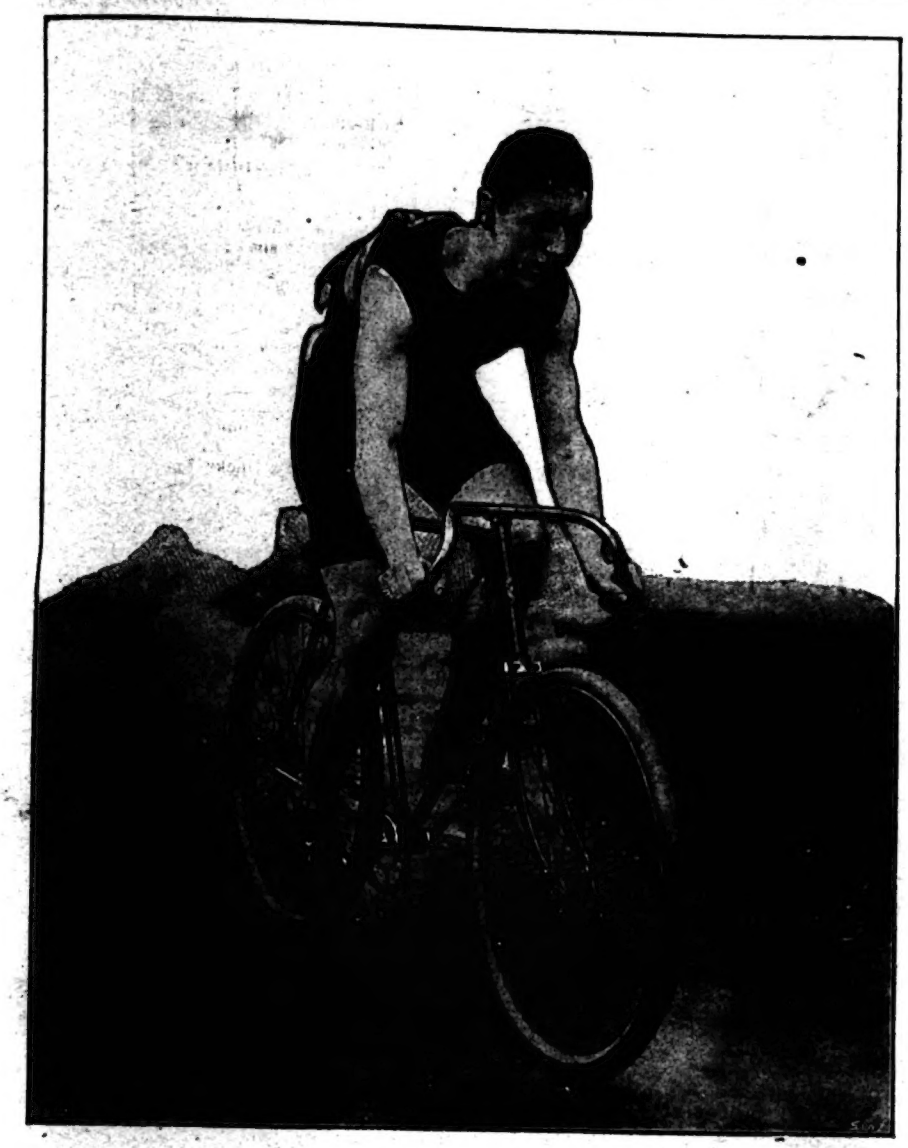
A Boxer who Hails from Bloomsbury.

HE KEPT THE CROWD IN ORDER DURING THE SERMON.
The Biggest Tough in the Place Mounts Guard Over the Parson.



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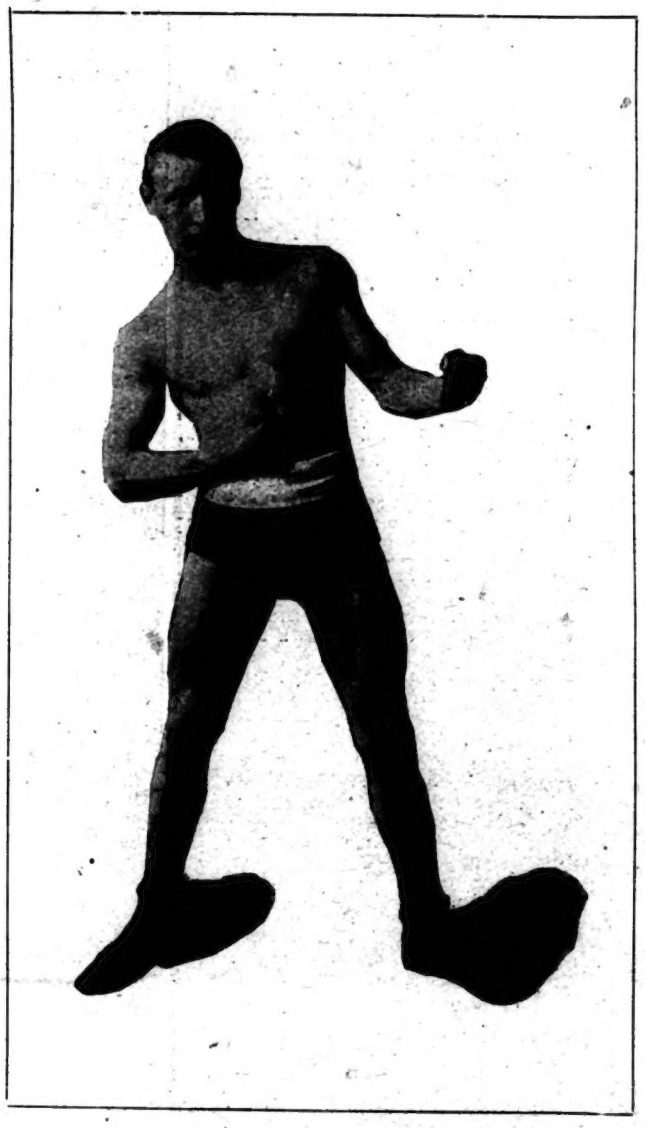
The Champion Cyclist, who Holds the World's Record for Several Distances.



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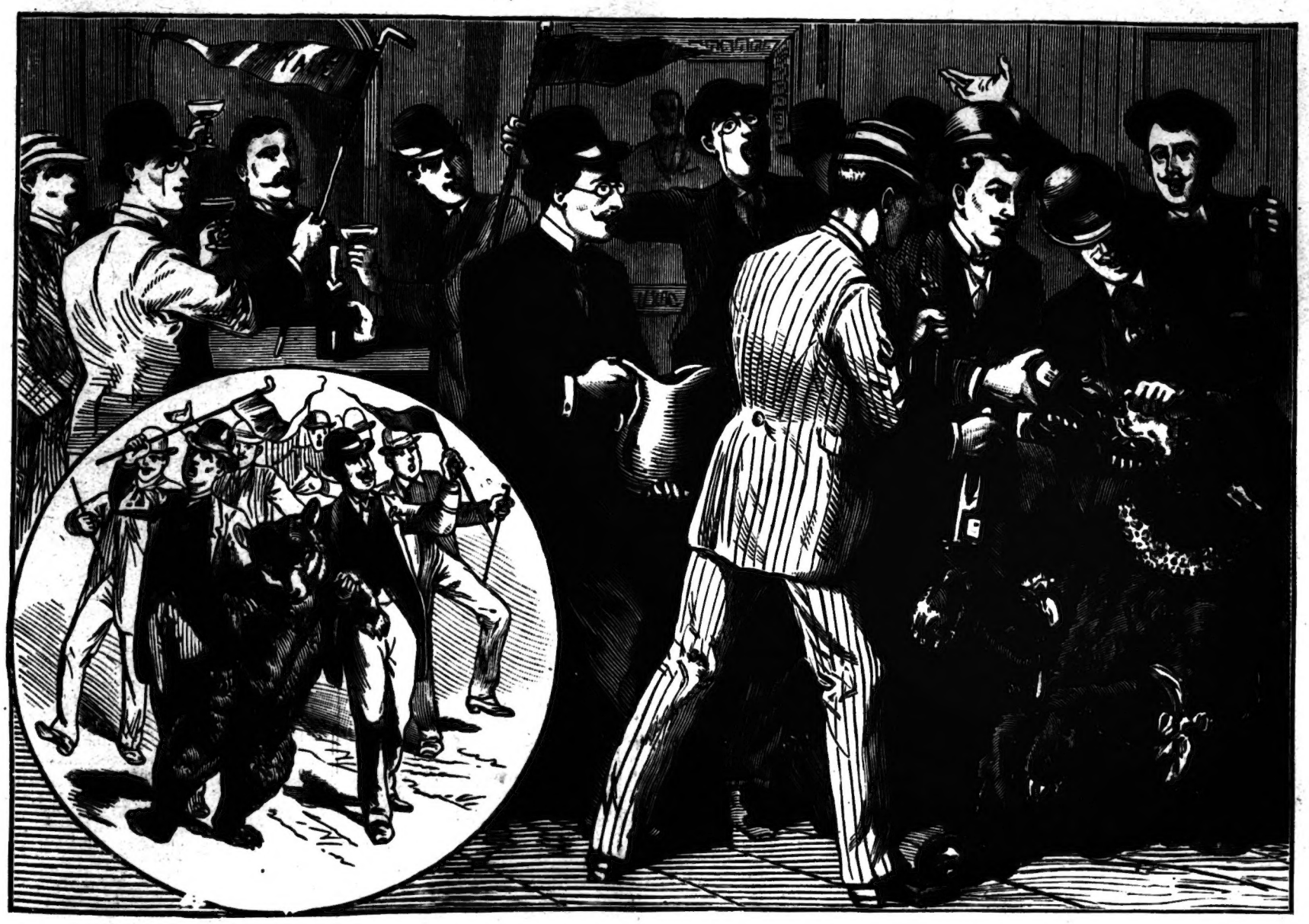
A Clever Boxer in the 8st 6lb Division.



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAKE A POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION,
And March Through the Town with a Bear and Banners.

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MICK DOOLEY DEFEATS BILL DOHERTY.

FROM LONDONDERRY, A FISTIC centre of Australia, comes the following account of the great fight between Mick Dooley and Bill Doherty. A large, orderly, and most enthusiastic crowd of sports turned up on Tuesday morning last at the old English Fayre, Fremantle, to witness what turned out to be certainly the best glove fight that ever took place in W.A., if not one of the best in Australia. Alex Rodgers officiated as referee during the preliminary bouts. Two local aspirants to fistic fame opened the ball with a willing four rounds spar. At the finish of this interesting encounter honours were easy. Then we had a little variety bis, two old-time jockeys in minstrel costume sang a couple of rattling good songs, being rewarded with a good old-time shower. Ashton and Ryan next donned the mittens, and made a very good show, Ashton having slightly the best of the deal at the call of time. The next pair were "Slooch" Burke, and a neat little coloured chap, "Dido" Plum, well known on the fields as a real good little fighter. This was a first-class four rounds, everyone enjoying "Dido's" funny little antics in the ring. "Slooch" did not seem to be doing his best, and I tip him to be a dangerous man for any of the locals to tackle. At the finish of this go Young Thorne, the well-known boxer and footballer, appeared on the stage, and challenged "Dido" Plum, who at once accepted the challenge, and a meeting has been arranged to take place in a couple of weeks' time. This, I am sure, will be a good go, as the men are very evenly matched. Joe Doherty, Bill's younger brother, then challenged "Abe" Rodgers (Dooley's trainer) to box the best of twenty rounds at 10st. Rodgers at once came to the front, and accepted Joe's challenge, wishing to fight on almost any terms. The pair were nearly coming to hot words, if not more, when Mr. Sam Grimwood, the referee, stepped in and stopped their wordy warfare. As both of these men are always in "good nick," when they meet it will be a fight worth going a long way to see, as I am told there is no love lost between them. After the air cleared a bit the old champion, Mick Dooley, stepped into the ring, attended by Alec Rodgers, Jack Cullen, and P. McCarty, while Scotty Harvey's smiling face, beaming with expectation, could be seen in Dooley's corner. Dooley was received with cheers by the assembled audience. Cries of "Good old Mick!" could be heard all over the hall. Bill Doherty then entered the ring and was equally well received by the crowd. With him were his brother Joe, who is matched to fight Rodgers, Jack Anderson, who Dooley defeated a few weeks ago in the same ring, and Jack Marshall. Mr. Sam Grimwood was chosen referee, he in company with a good number of sports having journeyed down to Fremantle from Perth especially to see the fight—a trip none of them will ever regret. Harry Harkness, the Fremantle Oxenham, held the watch, while Dan Smith, the well-known sporting editor of the West Australian, acted as 10 second check. The betting was slightly in favour of Doherty, one of Bill's backers laying a well-known N.S.W. sport £30 to £20 on the Victorian just before the start. Round 1. At the word from Mr. Grimwood the men jumped into the middle of the ring, both having a most confident look on their faces. Dooley, as is usual with him, started fiddling with his left and feeling his way. Doherty, unlike his usual practice, adopted almost the same tactics, crouching a la "Kid" McCoy. Just before the call of time they bade each other good evening with a couple of light counters which did no harm to either. Round 2. Doherty led with one of his vicious left hooks for Dooley's head. Mick's head wasn't there, and stepping in lively he gave Doherty a couple of hard lefts on the chest. Doherty getting even with a heavy right on Mick's neck that at once put the old general on his mettle, and getting to work he gave Bill two quick left jabs on the darby and a perfect beauty between the eyes, Doherty retaliating with a good punch on the mark. At this stage of the fight things looked particularly interesting, the spectators settling themselves in their seats, as the merest novice at the game could see they were going to see a good fight. Round 3. Dooley jumped from his corner and started fighting as I never saw him go before, straight lefts and an occasional hard right on Bill's body. Doherty kept both hands going and was fighting well, getting home on Mick's shoulder and body, but doing no damage to speak of. Dooley's defence was perfect, and keeping that deadly left going, he opened Doherty's eye with a dandy punch from the old left that did Bill no good, Dooley not showing a mark at this stage. At the call of time Dooley was leading, his boxing being a treat to witness. Round 4. Both men looked a bit tired from the effects of the last round, which was a stinger. Dooley fighting cautiously and watching his chance for a knock-out blow, both doing a good deal of sparring, the footwork of the men being tiptop, and the thorough fairness of each man's fighting brought thunders of applause from the appreciative audience. Round 5. Doherty started by a terribly hard right hook, meant for the old fellow's jaw, but Dooley's head was gone. Then followed some very fast infighting, with heavy exchanges on each side, both men fighting themselves to a standstill, and hardly able to move away from each other. Dooley's seconds claimed a foul, owing to a clinch, which the referee at once disallowed, the order being fight on. Doherty, jumping in, landed a beautiful left hook on Dooley's jaw which made the veteran look rather sick. However, he came to at once, and kept the old left going to the finish of the round. Round 6. Both men seemed wild, and started pasting each other for all they were worth. Doherty half hooked Mick with his right, the blow being broken by Dooley's excellent defence. A clinch followed, and Dooley went to the boards, where he took nine seconds. Things looked blue for the old Sydneyite, but by splendid defence and clever sparring he saw the round out. Honours easy. Round 7. Both men started fighting with a vengeance, each trying to settle the other in a most telling manner, Doherty using both hands to advantage, Dooley's body showing signs of Bill's visitations, but Mick's straight lefts kept doing the most damage. Doherty tiring terribly the last half minute of the round, while Dooley's perfect condition stood to him, and he looked as strong as ever. Round 8 and last. Both men got to work in earnest, and it was a sight to see these two big men stand up and fight in this round. However, Dooley had all the best of it, and with two or three of his favourite "darby" hits and a hard punch on Bill's bleeding eye, he rushed Doherty into his corner, administering severe punishment with both hands. Doherty wisely gave in, and Dooley was declared the winner amidst the wildest enthusiasm. Thus ended one of the best fights on record. Sam Grimwood, the referee, in announcing the winner, declared it one of the best goes it had ever been his privilege to witness. Doherty put up a great fight, and though beaten, has nothing to be ashamed of, as Mick Dooley was in perfect condition, and would have made on this night a good fight with any man in the world. Mick's weight was 13st; Doherty's, 12st 8lb.

NEW LIVERPOOL GYMNASTIC Club.—The opening of the New Gymnastic Club, 140, Dale Street, Liverpool, last Thursday, attracted a large and very orderly company. The programme comprised two contests of twelve two-minute rounds each. The principal exponents were Bill Johnson, of Farnworth, and Young Bill Clark, of Birkenhead, who were articled to box the best of twelve two-minute rounds, at catch-weight, with 4oz gloves, for £10 a-side, to which Mr Manager Harry Thorne added a purse of £10, Clark winning on points. The second contest was between Frank Stewart, of Manchester, and Lander Bevan, of Liverpool, the conditions being similar to those governing the first-mentioned match. In the latter stages this match resolved itself into a perfect scramble. Half-way through the eleventh round the men were hugging and rolling about in a most erratic manner—heedless of all caution. The referee separated them, and threatened Bevan with disqualification, whereupon the latter struck the official, who at once gave his verdict in favour of Stewart. Among those who took part in the exhibition boxing we may mention George Wills, Bill Clark, Bill Johnson (ex-amateur), Alf Harry (Cardiff), Bill Brierley, Young Jones, and "Dido" Lorne. Mr. Dan Wheligan officiated as M.C.

JACK LAMB (ELLAND) BEAT Martin Freeman (Stockport) for £20.—Martin forced the work for a minute, getting on Lamb's wind and on the side of the face, after which Lamb got the left home repeatedly on the body, and chopped his man with the right, and had him in difficulties at the interval. At the next meeting Lamb was straighter, and Martin very wild in his deliveries. Lamb gave him a lot of punishment, and when a minute had gone Lamb's left brought his man down in his corner, and he failed to resume within the stipulated time, and the verdict went to Lamb, who was in the region of 14st.

YOUNG COLLIER, OF BATH, SEEING Mick Matthias will box any lad in England at 6st 4lb, Young Collier will box him any number of rounds if any gentleman will give a purse and pay expenses.

TED ROBERTS, OF LIVERPOOL, will box Paddy Gill the best of twenty rounds at catch-weight, for £25 a-side, and best purse offered. Dan Welligan to act as stakeholder and referee.

DAN CREEDON CHALLENGES GEORGE GARDINER, WHO RECENTLY DEFEATED THE "COFFEE COOLER."

NEW YORK, September 21, 1900.

To the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

"I notice the fight between the "Coffee Cooler" and George Gardiner was given out by the press as a fight for the championship. Now, Gardiner did not gain the middle-weight championship of England by beating the "Cooler." I want to notify Gardiner that I am both middle-weight and heavy-weight champion of England. If Gardiner wants the middle-weight championship he can only get it by beating me. I am ready at any time to fight Gardiner in England or America. I do not think Gardiner wants any of my game! If he does, let him put up a proper forfeit with THE MIRROR OF LIFE office, and a match can be made at once.

DAN CREEDON,
Middle and Heavy-Weight Champion of England.

RULES FOR THE BARNSBURY Amateur B.C.—We have just received a copy of the above rules, which are sixteen in number, but we purpose only to deal with 4, 5, and 7, which we consider the most salient. No. 4 says: "If a competitor should draw a bye, that bye should be sparred before the public." This is quite right. Sparring a friendly bout with the teacher to the club in some nook or corner of the hall gives the competitor an undue advantage over an opponent, who may have had a very fatiguing bout with an aggressive antagonist. No. 5 is a rule which might be observed on all occasions where a big crowd may congregate. It is—"The use of the gong (a powerful one) to denote time instead of the voice." The voice in an uproar may not be heard, or time may be called by any unsportsmanlike person who may have a bet on the boxer in trouble. This was the case when two light-weight champion amateurs, A. J. Newton and the late Barclay Perkins, met to decide supremacy. Newton had his man set for the knock-out, when some unauthorised person, who had a fiver on Perkins, shouted "Time!" The men immediately adjourned to their corners, and A. J. Newton's opportunity was lost. This same reprehensible practice took place when Bill Goode ("Chesterfield") met Tom Lees, of Australia, at Waite's School at Arms for the second time. While the bout was proceeding some unauthorised person in the crowd shouted "Time!" The men immediately adjourned to their corners. When the timekeeper asserted that he did not call "time" Bill Goode, urged on by his brother to renew the fight, crossed over and struck Tom Lees as he was sitting in his chair, causing eventually no end of a bother. This would all been saved had the timekeeper sounded the gong. The seventh clause in these rules says: "All competitions failing to present more than four competitors, first bout shall be four three minutes, final three three minutes, and one four minutes. In the event of four failing to contest, remaining three draw for contest; duration shall be eight two-minute rounds." This is as it should be. When four competitors only enter the exertion is no more, when the duration and number of the rounds are considered, than if there had been ten or twelve entrants, which would involve twice the number of punishing rounds of a lesser duration and number.

POOR OLD GEORGE CROCKETT.—George Crockett in his day was one of the smartest sparrers who ever entered a boxing room, and all we regret is that George did not find a patron to assist him in opening a school to show boxers of the present generation the way to box. To the present generation the doings of a man like George Crockett are unknown; but surely there must be alive men who visited Saville House in the late fifties, who saw Crockett make rings round ring champions with the gloves. If such there be, we hope they will spare a trifle for poor old George Crockett. Charles the Second when dying is reported to have said, "Don't let poor Nelly (Nell Gwynne) starve!" We say to these old-timers, "Don't let poor Crockett starve!"

OPENING OF THE NEW GOODWIN Club.—Entries are required for a 9st 6lb competition, to take place at the New Goodwin Club on Wednesday, October 17. All entries to be accompanied by a deposit of 10s, that will be returned to those not accepted and competitors alike. The prize money will be divided: winner £10, runner-up £5, and £5 divided between the six beaten men. All entries to be sent to George Archer, at the club, 5A, Kingsland Road. If Alf Fielder, of Walworth, and "Sailor" Richardson, of Lambeth, make a match the New Goodwin Club are willing to give them a purse to box for. These two have for a long while been battling with each other in the paper, and if they are willing to box this will suit them.

GEORGE HARRIS'S BOXING COMbination. — Having concluded a most successful engagement at the Royal Aquarium (six weeks) are now fulfilling several provincial engagements. The combination includes Ernie Plimmer and Charley Smith. Agents, Hyman and Hyman.

BOXING AT WOOLWICH.

"You are old, Father Jemmy," the Woolwichers said,
"And your beard it grows whiter each day;
You have run sports for boxer and also for ped.,
Will you tell me the sport that does pay?"

"Why, boxing, certainly," said old Jemmy, "if properly conducted."

THE WOOLWICHERS APPEAR TO have a big appetite for boxing, as the big hall in Beresford Street was well crowded on Saturday, when the old 'un, Father Hulls, gave one of his special reunions. The same old faces were in evidence, or nearly so, and the man in office who usually officiates at these shows could spot a winner any time of asking. In the first of a series of Eight Rounds Contests Jem Thomas met Albert Lesurf. Lesurf is no flyer, and we thought Jem Thomas would have had a walk over. In a ring with knuckles it would be dollars to doughnuts on Thomas. The referee awarded the verdict—a lucky one—to Lesurf. George Raby, of Canning Town, is well known at these shows, and when he met George Harris, of King's Cross, the latter was a bit of a puzzle. Such a puzzle indeed that Raby was glad to cut it in the second round lasting a minute and a few seconds. The full-blooded mulatto, Angus Griffo, found more than he bargained for in Corporal Sanders, light-weight army champion. Angus was never in it, and Sanders won with a bit in hand. Another well-known face here is Harry Churchill, who met Toby McKenzie. The local man (Churchill hails from Greenwich) was a bit too clever for the West-ender, and won in the fourth round. Six Rounds Contests: Walter Eyles is no stranger to Woolwich, and he met another stock boxer at these shows, Bert Firmin. Bert Firmin was looked upon as Sam Baxter redivivus, but he did not justify anticipation. Firmin and Eyles fought the battle of the evening, and the referee must have been puzzled to separate the pair. The verdict, however, went to Eyles. Two old faces here, Patsey Haley, of Deptford, and Bill Telford, of Bloomsbury. Patsey is a stayer, and though Telford showed a bit ahead in the first two rounds, Patsey came with a wet sail at the finish and received the verdict.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT WONDERland.—This East-end palace of fistic amusement was well filled on Saturday evening, when the show was reopened to the public. A fairly interesting programme had been arranged. Six Rounds Contests: Ike Wakeman (Aldgate) beat Sid Lakey (Spitalfields).—They had three fairly good rounds, and then the Spitalfields warrior was done with. Sam Evans (Bermondsey) beat Bill Lewis (Bethnal Green).—The winner was by far the better boxer, and having so much in hand over Lewis the latter recognised the fact and retired. Bill Pike (Leytonstone) beat Arthur Owen (Stepney).—They went hard at it all through the six rounds, but the further they went the more Pike added to his lead, and ultimately won comfortably. Archie Wright (Islington) beat Bob Stevens (Islington).—They had four very merry rounds before Stevens wisely decided that Wright was too good for him and exit Stevens. Bill Slatter (St. Luke's) v. Joe Brown (Hoxton).—The first-named is a smart and rapidly improving youngster, and he scored wonderfully well; in fact, he made rings round Brown all the way, and at the finish had well won, but the result was announced "a draw." Four Rounds Trial: Owen Sweeney (Stratford) v. Bert Adams (Spitalfields).—A very interesting two-handed display between a well-matched pair.

FITZPATRICK, OF BELFAST, TO Long, of Bradford.—Fitzpatrick being dissatisfied with the result of their last meeting, would like to meet Long again. If Long agrees to a meeting, Tom Smyth, of Belfast, will offer a purse. An early answer will oblige.

JACK COSTELLO, OF BIRMINGham, will box George Wills or W. Johnson, or Abe Davis for the best purse offered, and will have a good side bet on the result.

A NOVICE OF LIVERPOOL, HEARING so much talk about the boxing abilities of Billy Greenwood, of Liverpool, will box him the best of eight or ten rounds if Mr. Harry Thorne will give a trophy worth boxing for.

CHARLEY TILLEY, OF SOMERS Town, would like to box Harry Webster, of Islington, the best of twenty rounds for as much as Webster can find; or he will bet him a level fifty that he stops him in ten rounds.

BOB HARTNOLL WILL BOX BERT Adams, Bill Hough, or Jem Bateson any number of rounds if Mr. Joe Smith, or the New Adelphi Club, will give a purse.

G. SAUNDERS, hearing so much of Jack Clancy being the champion of the fish trade, would like to box him the best of fifteen rounds, in public or private, for as much money as he likes.

JOE KNIGHT, OF THE 1ST GRENAdier Guards, is open to box McFadden, the heavy-weight champion of the Army and Navy, at catch-weight, with 6oz gloves, the best of fifteen rounds, if the National Sporting Club or any gentleman would give a reasonable purse.

BOXING AT NEWCASTLE.

HEXHAM HOUSE SALOON, NEWcastle.—The spacious edifice for boxing attached to the Hexham House, Newcastle, was well filled on Saturday evening, and the programme provided by Mr. James Lowes was got through in his customary able style. It was a lengthy one, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The proceedings were started with a three rounds bout between J. Johnson and W. Brown, and their endeavours to please were greatly appreciated, as was also the boxing of J. Young, of Gateshead, and J. Johnson, of Sunderland. A merry go was that between J. Rook and D. Burnett, of Dundee, and this pair had a merry go for a trio of rounds, after which Jack Tait and Jack Jones, of Newcastle, gave a very scientific exhibition, and the same can be said of Tom O'Niell and Bob O'Niell, who, although brothers, went at it as if there was no brotherly love, but we can certainly say there is. The great affair of the evening was the contest between J. McGurk and Young McGivern, of Gateshead, who had been matched to fight eight rounds. It may be remembered that the pair had met a fortnight previously without a result, and the consequence was that there was a great deal of interest taken in this meeting. McGurk, who was giving some weight away, started well with his left hand, McGivern swinging both hands for a knock-out, and he finished up the first round strong and well. Soon after commencing the second round McGivern floored McGurk with a heavy body punch. McGurk, however, quickly arose and used his left hand well, but only weakly. He was sent down again just on the call of time. In the third round, to the surprise of the onlookers, McGurk seemed to have new vigour, for he started the work, and McGivern continued his tactics of swinging both left and right, but, missing, McGurk scored well with the left. In fact, the last-named in this round did most of the work. In the fourth round McGurk again started strong, using his left well and was doing most of the scoring when McGivern shot out his right on the wind, and McGurk fell and was counted out. The winner was seconded by S. Johnson and J. Carpenter, and the loser by his brother and "Darkey" Carpenter. Jack Palmer was referee and Martin Nealis time-keeper. For next Saturday evening "Darkey" Carpenter and George Atkinson are matched.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS AT THE Masonic Hall, Llandudno.—The above hall was packed again on Wednesday last, when Joe Taylor and Bill Johnson had their annual benefit. The programme consisted chiefly of boxing, but in addition to that there were a few variety turns, the most prominent being that of Professor Delmar, the great Continental ventriloquist and society entertainer, whose performance alone brought the house down. Then came Professor Morton's cinematograph, showing some of the war scenes in South Africa, which was very touching. Alf Mackey, the well-known comic singer, sang three of his favourite songs, which were well received, after which the ring was occupied by the boxers, the first pair being Harry Sharples, of Liverpool, and Frank Briscoe, of Cheltenham, who boxed four rounds for a splendid meerschaum pipe. Sharples always held the trump card and won comfortably. Six rounds contest between Jem Owen, of Llandudno, and Young Breese, of Birmingham.—Owen led off twice without a return, which seemed to stagger Breeze, but Breeze being the heavier and stronger, went in to have a fight, and Owen, not being able to mix it, lost after an extra round. Bill Johnson, of Farnworth, and Jack Owen, of Liverpool, next donned the gloves for a three rounds display, Johnson showing that he had lost none of his old cleverness. Charlie Blackburn, of Liverpool, and Glen Revell, of Newcastle, boxed three merry rounds; also did "Dido" Lorne, of Liverpool, and Harry Brown (black). Then came Wallace and Johnson in their funny boxing act, entitled, "Fun in a French Boxing School," who surprised the audience by their feet and hands. The grand wind-up was between Joe Taylor, of Llandudno, and Harry Brown (black), whose boxing was enjoyed by all present. The referee for the contests was W. Williams, of Llandudno, and the timekeeper, that Llandudno sportsman, Will Owen.

DAN ANGUS, OF SOUTH SHIELDS, is not satisfied with the result of his contest last Saturday with Harry Ponting, and will box him the best of twenty rounds at 8st 6lb, give and take 2lb, for £10 or £20 a-side, and the purse offered by the West Hartlepool Gymnasium. THE MIRROR OF LIFE to appoint referee. An answer will be immediately attended to.

BILL JOHNSON, OF FARNWORTH, being disgusted by the referee's verdict on Thursday, will box Young Clarke, of Birkenhead, any number of rounds, any weight gloves, for no less than £25 a-side, at 8st 10lb. Business only meant. Liverpool barred.

W. HUGHES HAVING HEARD OF the boxing abilities of H. Norman Cook, late of H.M.S. Cambridge, he would like to box him ten to fifteen rounds for as much money as he could find, and will meet him anywhere that suits him best.

THE JEM CORBETT-"KID" McCOY SCANDAL.

(Special Report.)

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 21.—Jem Corbett and "Kid" McCoy are particularly anxious to prove to the sporting world that their recent fight in Madison Square Garden was not a fake. With this end in view both pugilists have taken steps to make peace with their wives, who have made the charges of crookedness against them. Corbett, the other day, sent a telegram to his wife asking her to join him in London. She refused point blank, and declared that she would press her suit for divorce. So Corbett has decided to come back to America at once, patch up the differences with his wife, if possible, and prove that the charge of fraud is false. "Kid" McCoy was the first man to give out the statement yesterday that Corbett would return. "He will be here next week," said "Kid" to a number of friends; "certainly within the next ten days." In London Corbett also gave out this interview: "I am going to sail for America next Wednesday. A personal friend lied to me about my wife, and led me to believe charges which letters and cablegrams received by me here show were false. I love my wife and am going to return to her to show her that I have not been unfaithful. I also want to prove that my fight with McCoy was not a fake. I do not like to be placed in the position of running away. Let my enemies meet me at the wharf with all their proofs and I'll show the world that they are untrue." It remains to be seen how the former champion will be received on his arrival here. McCoy, also seeking a reconciliation with his wife, has withdrawn his action for divorce, and the suit has been discontinued. The order for the arrest of the "Kid" by Mrs. Selby has also been vacated. This was announced in Part I. of the Supreme Court yesterday, where the application for alimony and counsel fees made by Mrs. McCoy was on the calendar for argument before Justice Bischoff. Neither the pugilist nor his wife was present, and the announcement was made by A. H. Hummel, counsel for Mrs. Selby, and Charles L. Hoffman, counsel for her husband. Both lawyers said that they were certain that there had been no reconciliation between the pair, and Mr. Hummel added that Mrs. Selby might now institute immediate proceedings for divorce against her husband. He could not say that this would be done, but intimated that it would. He said that he did not know why the pugilist has withdrawn his action, and declared that he had had no conversation with him. Mr. Hoffman, when asked about the case, said: "I have no reason to believe that the pugilist and his wife have been reconciled and do not think that this will occur. The only thing to say is that McCoy has withdrawn his action for reasons of his own, and the order of arrest procured by Mrs. McCoy has been vacated. So far as the allegations made by Mrs. McCoy are concerned, they are foreign to the suit, and have nothing to do with it. McCoy, as he has always done, contends that the allegations were without foundation, and we have now got good proof that there was nothing in them. I have been in communication with Harry Hynds, of Cheyenne, Wyo., to whom it was alleged McCoy sent a cypher message informing him that Corbett was to win, and I have an affidavit made by Hynds in which he says that he never received a cypher message from McCoy. In his affidavit Hynds says that he did receive a telegram from McCoy in which the pugilist said he was in good condition. That message, he declares, contained no cypher, and meant just what it said in plain English. I have also in my possession an affidavit made by Eddie Burke, the bookmaker, who was alleged to be in the conspiracy entered into between Corbett and McCoy previous to their recent fight, in which he denies each and every one of Mrs. McCoy's allegations which concerns him. Burke says that he did not even bet a dollar on the fight."

CONTESTS IN LEEDS.—A LARGE number of spectators assembled at the Leeds and County A.C. last Monday evening to witness a fifteen rounds contest at catch-weights between R. Fountain and W. Hazelgrave, both of Leeds. A most unsatisfactory exhibition was given by Hazelgrave, who dropped to the floor repeatedly, and was counted out in the first round, and the managers of the club were so dissatisfied that they withheld the loser's end of the purse and gave it as a donation to the Leeds Infirmary. Exhibition bouts of three rounds each were given by J. Burke and J. Oates and J. Walsh and J. Simmonds, all of Leeds. In a six rounds contest between T. McLoughlin and F. Bolden, of Leeds, the latter, after having all the best of the boxing, was disqualified on a foul.

JACK FITZPATRICK, CANNING Town, to "Kid" Veitch, Gateshead.—Fitzpatrick would like to make a match with the north countryman to box twenty rounds at any weight from 7st 6lb to 8st for the purse offered by the West Hartlepool Gymnasium. Fitzpatrick will also have a side stake at the ring side. An answer from Veitch, through THE MIRROR OF LIFE, will lead to business.

"KID" McFADDEN CHALLENGES "PEDLAR" PALMER

NEW YORK, September 18, 1900.

To the EDITOR of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

I hereby challenge "Pedlar" Palmer, champion of England, to box me for the championship at 116lb weight at usual time. I will box him from fifteen to twenty-five rounds for the best purse offered. Trusting Palmer will get to business at once through THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

DENNIS "KID" McFADDEN.

EASTLEIGH V. BRIXTON.—FIRST Round for the Croydon Challenge Cup, now held by Eastleigh.—Pennell (Eastleigh) v. Parker (Brixton).—Although one would think Brixton had thoroughly tested the strength of their members with those of the Eastleigh Club, it is most surprising to see them still throwing their time and exertions away to a club stronger than themselves. They, however, decided to try their men once again by challenging Eastleigh for the Cup they had abstracted from Croydon, and the first round was held at the Eastleigh Hall on Tuesday last before a splendid attendance. The Eastleigh member has been having a good rest, and entered the ring untrained, and, in fact, unfit for the task set him, but without a trembling nerve. He was thoroughly prepared to fight his best, and with a hearty welcoming from the audience upon his appearance he pulled himself together, and after giving a few sharp and strong deliveries at a punching ball proclaimed to be ready for action. The match was then opened, and it was at once seen that the Brixton candidate was much more active than was his opponent, who gave a very poor display in the opening round. In the second round, however, he seemed to begin to pick up some of his old form, for with a smashing blow from his right he sent Parker quickly to the ropes. Upon his rising Pennell again delivered a similar blow, which missed his jaw by inches. This brought a moan from the audience, who seemed to think it was the knock-out blow. Then opened the third round, which was about even throughout, Pennell now beginning to strengthen his defence. In the fourth round Pennell got a slight advantage, for no sooner had the round opened than Parker was laid low, and remained in such position till almost upon call of time, when he rose. Then Pennell with a look of determination, which he very seldom releases from his features, gradually gained ground, and in the fifth round it could be clearly seen that he had Parker well under control. Parker, however, fought in first-rate style, but his exertions were absolutely useless, and he might as well have given up all hope of success. The sixth round was of a very smart nature, Pennell's movements being now very tricky and clever, and although he just missed the first opening Parker, made he seized the second, and with a smashing blow won the match in splendid style. Hereto we attach a list of the twelve members of the Eastleigh Club who proved most successful throughout the last six months, during which period twenty-eight matches had been set to each—viz., Pennell undefeated, Beddingfield defeated on two occasions, Dangerfield on two occasions, Lawfield on three occasions, Groves on five occasions, Camp on five occasions, Bellamy on six occasions, Smart on eight occasions, Lewis on nine occasions, Joyce on nine occasions, Kemp on twelve occasions, and Lentworth on twelve occasions.

BOXING AT THE NEW GOODWIN Club.—To-night (Wednesday) the above club re-opens its doors for the season's weekly boxing entertainments. The scrapping department has been placed under the charge of George Archer, with Ben Harris assisting in the arrangements. We hear that every opportunity has been taken to ensure the comfort of visitors, and commissionaires placed at all the doors. The programme set forward is a good one, the opening evening's sport consisting of two ten-round contests between Tom Ireland and "Jewey" Cooke, Joe Barrett and Harry Paul, as well as three six-round bouts between Dave Morbin and Johnny Thomas, Harry Benson and Jack Mitchell, and, what should prove the tit bit of the night, George Penny and Tom Woodley

SAM BENTLEY, OF THE ROYAL Navy, accepts Doran's terms to box him the best of twenty rounds under the Marquis of Queensberry Rules for £25 a-side, to take place from a month of signing articles, and he also agrees to meet him at Mr. Baker's, Tradesman's Arms, Union Street, East Stonehouse, to make the necessary arrangements.

GEORGE CAPSTICK (SOUTH Shields) to Harry Kennedy (Sunderland).—The South Shields representative is willing to make a match with Kennedy to box twenty rounds at 7st, weigh at the ring side, for any amount up to £50 a-side, and the best inducement offered. If Kennedy wishes to make a match of it all he has to do is to leave a deposit at THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

YOUNG TIDLER, OF SOUTHWARK, would like to box any lad in Hatcham at 5st 6lb. An early answer will oblige as business is only meant on Tidler's part.

KELLY v. CURLEY.

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING matches of the season will be the contest between Sammy Kelly, who defeated Billy Plimmer at Birmingham, and Will Curley, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Kelly at present is making such business arrangements as are necessary to permit him to make a prolonged absence for the journey across the pond. This match is for £200 a-side and the best purse offered. THE MIRROR OF LIFE is stakeholder and appoints referee.

BOXING IN PRETORIA.—FIRST night.—10st 6lb. competition (open to non-com.'s, &c.) Private Corsey (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) beat Sergeant Dickson (Queensland Mounted Infantry).—A grand set-to, and it was only through the Colonial tiring in the final stage that brought about his defeat. Driver Mumfitt (Royal Engineers) beat Corporal Wall (New South Wales Infantry).—At the end of three rounds the judges were unable to decide, and in an extra meeting the Engineer just did sufficient to pull through. Four Rounds Display: Sapper Miles (ex-Champion of the Army) v. Corporal Harbot (Norfolk Regiment).—This proved an exciting bout, and was warmly applauded. Second night.—Just before hostilities were commenced a message was read from Lord Roberts stating a brilliant victory of the Guards at the front, which was cordially received. Heavy-Weight Competition.—First series: Private Anderson (10th Hussars) beat Corporal Hill (Mounted Infantry).—A punishing bout. Trooper Cook (Household Cavalry) beat Driver Davis (Royal Engineers).—The trooper, who stands 6ft 3in, stood well over his sturdy opponent. The latter, however, offered a determined resistance until the middle of the last round, when he was compelled to give in. Final: Trooper Cook beat Private Anderson.—The former made the most of his great advantage in reach and height, and won well. Light-Weight Competition.—Final: Private Corsey beat Driver Mumfitt.—Both showed signs of their gruelling bouts of the previous evening, but they put up a splendid battle, and after the judges disagreed the referee awarded the bout to the Highlander, a decision which gave satisfaction. Four Rounds Contest: Corporal Smith (10th Hussars, ex-Middle and Heavy-Weight Champion of the Army) beat Sapper Miles (Royal Engineers).—A buzz of excitement prevailed when this specially-arranged contest was announced. Both will be remembered as performers at the National Sporting Club and other places. After a lot of sparring both men set to work, and hammered away merrily. Smith's heavy hits took a lot of effect. Both in turn appeared used up, and, staying the longer, Smith was returned the winner.

THE LONDON PROFESSIONAL Boxing School, headquarters 65, Barnsbury Road, N. (central to Angel and King's Cross).—Professor Newton intends devoting Saturday nights to encourage rising talent, as there is a big opening for improvement in the professional ranks. Already several advanced ex-amateurs have joined the school, to which is attached every requisite for training. Promoters of boxing can rely upon members of the above being sent out in first-class fettle, and all will be tryers. Aspirants to the noble art should call personally by appointment and see Professor Newton, when reasonable terms can be arranged. None but respectable youths who intend entering for contests and competitions need apply. Any purses offered for encouraging above will be duly notified in these columns.

FROM THE "REFEREE," SYDNEY, we clip the following interesting par.:—"Bill Doherty, the heavy-weight champion of Australia, is only thirty-two years of age. He has five brothers in the game—viz., Austin, thirty, middle-weight; 'Joe,' twenty-eight, fights at 10st 4lb; 'Ned,' twenty-six, light-weight; 'Charlie,' twenty-four, light-weight; and 'Josh,' eighteen, light-weight. The last-named promises to be the biggest and best of the lot."

BOXING CHANGES IN THE NEAR Future.—When one door is shut another is opened. It is said that after the boxing show at Wonderland last Saturday, there will be no more, as that establishment is sold. The Excelsior Baths Company, however, are said to be in treaty with a syndicate of boxing promoters, and will very likely open this winter a boxing campaign as successful as in previous years. It must be remembered that this neighbourhood years ago was the home of boxing. The Griffin, Shoreditch, the Blue Anchor, Shoreditch, the Red Cross, Hare Street, Bethnal Green, the Gatehouse, Mile End Road, and, earlier still, the Jane Shore, Shoreditch, under the presidency of Harry Orme, and the King's Head, Holywell Lane, under the presidency of Jem Mace, whilst Joe Rowe kept a house devoted to boxing and ratting near Norton Folgate.

HARRY BOLTON, WHO WAS BEATEN by Nat Silver in the final of the 7st 6lb competition, wishes to let Silver know that he will box him fifteen or twenty rounds from £1 to £10, as business is only meant.

NEIL McKINNON is open to box any lad in Clydebank, from £5 to £20, at 9st 6lb. An early reply will oblige

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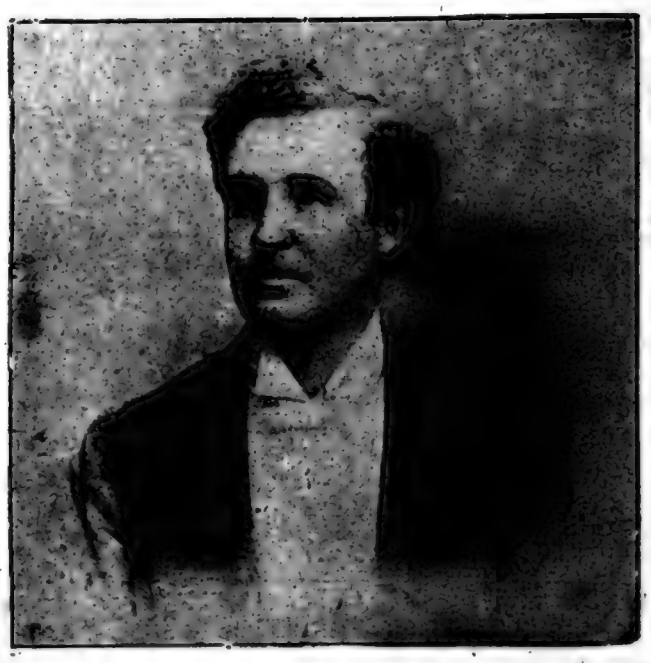

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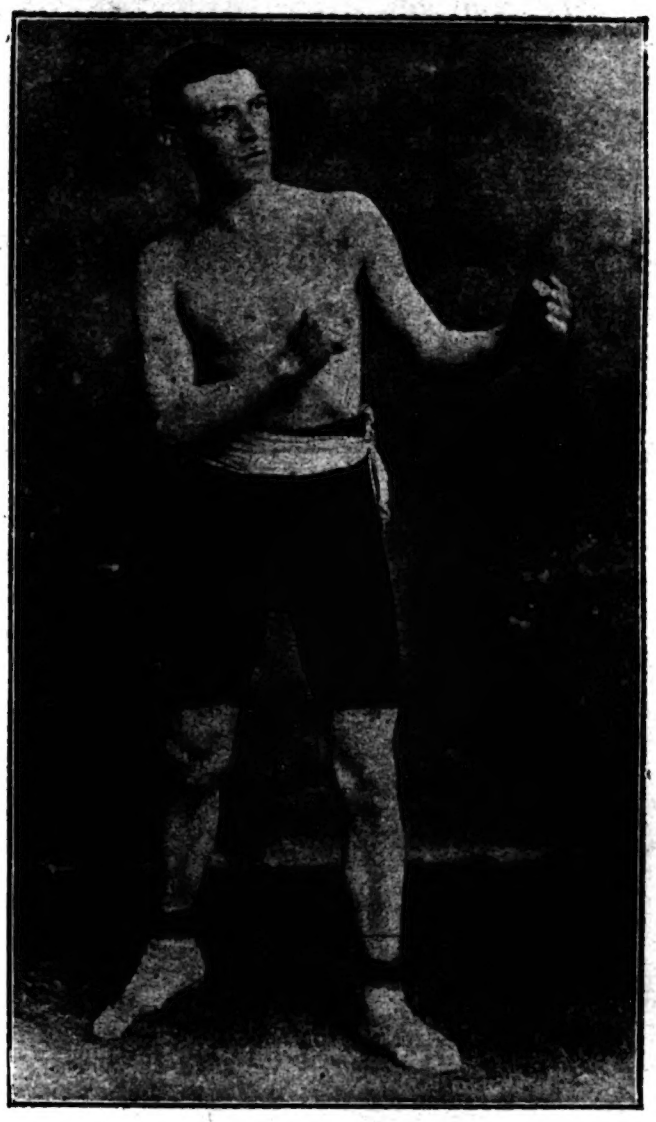

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HELD UP THE PROPRIETOR OF A DRINKING SALOON.

A Desperado's Bold and Daring Robbery.

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MATCH MADE BY "MIRROR OF LIFE."

Thomas Clark, of West Hartlepool, and Duncan Robertson, of West Hartlepool, do hereby agree to box fifteen (15) rounds, three (3) minutes a round, for ten (10) sovs. a-side, open to twenty-five (25) pounds, and the best purse offered. To box at nine (9) stone, give and take 1lb, weigh in at 12 o'clock on the day of boxing. The contest to come off on or before the seventh (7th) of November. THE MIRROR OF LIFE to provide 4oz. gloves, and find referee and timekeeper. The deposit to be made into £5 next Saturday, and the remainder on the day of the contest.

(Signed) D. ROBERTSON.
E. GIBBONS for CLARK.
(Witnesses) GEO. WALLACE.
P. MCCABE.
West Hartlepool, Saturday, September 29.

AN AMUSING BOXING STORY.—There is an amusing story associated with the historic Waxham Hall, which was recently included in the sale of the Waxham Hall estate, in Norfolk, but withdrawn. The building itself is supposed to have been erected as far back as the twelfth century, and although Blomefield states that the original structure was engulfed in the sea, it is a fact that the whole of the parish of Little Waxham has disappeared beneath the waves. In the middle of the eighteenth century the hall—Gelham Hall as it was then known—was in the possession of the Brograve family, the last member of which, old Sir Berney Brograve, Bart., was a man of pugilistic inclinations. Indeed, so much was this the case that on one occasion when the village sweep applied for payment after completing his morning's work, Sir Berney challenged him to fight, with the promise of double pay if he should come off victor. The sweep refused, but the baronet was inexorable. The contest took place in the entrance hall, and as the sweep hit out repeatedly below the belt the lord of the manor was quickly doubled up, and the man of soot went off boasting that he had "bested Sir Berney," and what was more to the point, with his double fees in his pocket. It is not perhaps an altogether astonishing fact that not a single member of the last generation of this fine old family died from natural causes

BOXING IN SYDNEY. — HEAVY-Weight Contest.—W. M'Coll, of Armidale, made his Sydney debut at the Metropolitan Athletic Hall, last Wednesday night (August 1), when he defeated the Wyalong heavy-weight, Len Arthurs, the conqueror of Ike Stewart, now matched against "Starlight." In height and weight M'Coll and Arthurs were well matched, the only difference being that the latter, who scaled 11st 12lb, was the heavier by 2lb. M'Coll was seconded by Arthur Scott, Len Andrews, and the champion, Bill Doherty; whilst the Wyalong man had in his corner Bill Jennings, "Cocker" Tweedie, and Bill Casey. Arthurs was first to lead with a left hook on the body. They then got to close quarters, and fought desperately. M'Coll landed the right heavily several times on the side of his adversary's head, and received in return a punch on the ear and a right cross on the cheek. M'Coll kept swinging his right, which Arthurs usually avoided by smothering up; but he stopped one with his jaw, and was sent to the boards for an instant. Towards the close of the round Arthurs made matters even by sending home a beautiful uppercut, which shook M'Coll up a bit. The second round was again lively, and conspicuous for wild rushes. Arthurs got on to his opponent's nose with the left, and drew blood. The Wyalong man went in again, and made for the point several times with the right, but always landed too high. M'Coll swung both hands wildly, and got home occasionally on the head, but the recipient was mostly on the get-back when the blows landed. Arthurs had a slight lead in this round. As soon as they stood up for the third round Arthurs sent a straight left hard on to M'Coll's mouth. The Wyalong man tried for the face again with the left, but as quick as a flash, M'Coll crossed with his right, and shook Arthurs up. M'Coll kept pegging away with his right, and in a scramble once caught his adversary hard on the jaw. In the fourth round M'Coll looked fresh, and forced matters, whilst his opponent tired perceptibly, and was mostly contented to cover up his chin. A few light exchanges took place, however, Arthurs receiving the most punishment. At the close of the round Arthurs had become groggy, and asked for the towel to be skied, whereupon M'Coll was declared the winner.

ON SATURDAY EVENING NEXT Harry Wright opens his great boxing tournament at Wonderland. His bill in detail will be found in "Events to Come." In addition to the four contests will be given an 8st 4lb professional competition for a solid silver belt valued at £15, and £5 in cash, to be decided next week. The belt will be on view at THE MIRROR OF LIFE office.

PHOTOS GIVEN AWAY.

I will send TWO REALLY "CHOICE CABINETS" as a sample to any bona fide applicant, also FREE List of Rare Books, &c. Genuine Transparent Playing Cards, 52 in pack, 2s. (d. and 5s.6d. Be in time. Address, **M. L. HAINES, Prospect Terrace, South Tottenham.**

ANGELO TO BILLY GORDON.—Angelo, of Ecclesall, is open to box Billy Gordon, of America, at 9st 12lb, for his own sum and the best purse offered. Frank Gess preferred, at catch-weight, for any sum and the Leeds Athletic Club's purse.

TO S. SHAWE.—H. H. CANNOT FIND any more money to cover S. Shawe's last deposit, but will meet him on Saturday to arrange terms.

YOUNG HALL TO YOUNG SPOONEY, Jun. — Young Hall would like to box Young Spooney six or ten rounds, if any boxing promoter will give a purse. An early answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will lead to business.

"DUMMY" FOREST WISHES TO thank Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Watt, Compton, Carter, and other friends, for their more than kind treatment during his stay at West Hartlepool. Wherever it is possible to go nothing could beat the good north country welcome extended to the visitor.

ALF LLOYD, OF ST. LUKE'S, IS open to box Albert Lesurf eight or ten rounds if Mr. J. F. Hulls will give a purse.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAKE A POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION.

And March through the Town with a Bear and Banners.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE students of the American Universities are getting plenty of fun out of the presidential election between Mr. McKinley and Mr. Bryan. Between twenty and thirty youths, carrying flags the colours of the candidate they wish to see elected, were accompanied by a large bear; the brute was decked with flowers, and at every saloon the youths pulled up for a drink Bruin was also allowed to swallow his portion, and so well was he served that at length the animal became quite unsteady on his legs, and showed by other signs that he was "three sheets in the wind." Thoroughly intoxicated, they led the bear through the different thoroughfares, shouting out their college cheers.

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GEORGE COLLINS.

A Boxer who Hails from Bloomsbury.

(With Portrait.)

GEORGE COLLINS, although not having had many contests, has been pretty successful. He has gained decisions over "Snowball," 3rds; Charley Morley, 8rds, draw; Tom Small, 7rds; Jack Maloney, 5rds; Ted Knight, 9rds; Charley Smirks, 2rds.

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JEM BARRY, OF ST. JAMES'S,

Who Met Tom Dixon, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, at the National Sporting Club, October 3.

(With Portrait.)

JEM BARRY was born in St. James's in 1875, and started boxing four years ago. Beat W. Levy, 3rds; beat W. Thatcher, 3½rds; defeated by Jem Adams, 10rds; beat W. Kelly, 6rds; beat Dave Gough, 8rds; won an open 8st competition, beating Dan Donovan and Bob Gamster; beat Ted Boyton in 2½rds; defeated by Mike McGough in France in a 12rds contest; beat Bill Vann in 2½rds; beat Solly, 10rds; beaten by Ted Marlow; beat C. Meacock; beat Alf Olding, 1½rd; beat Corporal Tasker, 2½rds; draw, 4rds, Alf Garrett; beat Fred Manse; defeated by Jack Roberts; beaten by Ted Marlow, 10rds; draw with Ted Marlow, 12rds; beat Harry Camis, 10rds; beaten by Bill Brierly, 20rds; beat Steve Smith, 6rds; knocked out Arthur Willoughby, 6rds; beaten by Ted Marlow, 20rds; met Tom Dixon at the N.S.C., October 3, and was defeated in seven rounds.

HARRY HARTLEY.

A Penny Showman, Once a Foremost Pro., who Has Had a Varied and Versatile Experience of a Hummer's and Music-Hall Life.

(With Portrait.)

THE subject of this notice began his career at the time when the great Vance, Jolly Nash, George Leybourne, and Harry Rickards were the stars, and when lesser stars sang their songs second-hand. Harry Hartley, after graduating at the old Bower Saloon, Stangate, taking parts from the First Gravedigger to Hamlet, went on to the music-hall stage, and became a follower in his songs of the above popular comedians, having at one time deputised for George Leybourne. In addition to music-hall work Harry Hartley performed in pantomimes, and at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, took the part of Newman Noggs in "Nicholas Nickleby," and performed at the Alexandra Palace, under the managership of George Conquest, in "Hop o' My Thumb." The fate of genius is shown by Harry Hartley coming down to penny showman, in which capacity he is most unique, and has some of the greatest monstrosities and novelties in London.

TOM DIXON,

Of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who met Jem Barry, of St. James's, at the National Sporting Club, October 3.

(With Portrait.)

TOM DIXON, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, last May fought Mick Head, and on Friday evening, January 27, met Johnny Ryan at the Albert Club, Belfast, and defeated him in 2rds; knocked out Harry Lane, of Poplar in 4rds; met Jem Barry, of St. James's, at the N.S.C., Monday, October 3, and defeated him in seven rounds.

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THE CLEVER DUNEDIN TROUPE after a highly successful tour, opened on Monday at the Queen's, Poplar.

THE HOLLOWAY EMPIRE IS drawing capital audiences to both houses. Woodward's performing sea lions, somewhat ungainly out of the water, exhibit great intelligence; those favourites Rezene and Robini come in for a lot of laughter and applause; Mr. Vernon Ryde has a very smart programme on tap.

OWING TO THE ELECTION TAKING place in the Poplar district to-morrow (Thursday), the benefit of Mr. Fred Harris at the Queen's, announced for that date, is postponed till Thursday, the 11th, and all tickets issued will be available on that date.

MISS CARRIE SCOTT AND HER pocket piccaninny concluded a highly successful engagement at the Oxford on Saturday last, and was called again and again and heartily cheered.

A PARTICULARLY BRIGHT PRO-gramme, going with a swing from start to finish, may be found at the Oxford. Several new turns have been introduced, comprising the Finneys, fresh from Blackpool triumphs, Binns and Binns, Frantz Family, Miss Maggie Duggan, Bedini and little Arthur, and others; meanwhile R. G. Knowles, with "Love, Marriage, and Divorce," George Robey, Dan Leno, and other popular turns remain in the programme.

MR. ARTHUR COLLINS ALWAYS does things perfectly at Drury Lane, and the playgoer is certain to find scenic and artistic mounting, combined with perfect stage management. The new drama, entitled "The Price of Peace," appears to have reached the acme of realism, and if the story was as strong as the scenery the play might run for years. The play opens in the accident ward at St. Thomas's Hospital, next we are on the terrace of the House of Commons, with a view of Westminster Bridge and the ceaseless traffic thereon, then a carnival at Niagara Skating Rink, and later a magnificent representation of the interior of Westminster Abbey, and a big crowd assembled to assist at a smart wedding. The conservatory at Lord Derwent's house, with the fountain playing and its massive staircase and handsomely-dressed throng of beautiful women, is also a feast for the eye, but the triumph of stage craft is reached in the last act, when a collision at sea and the sinking of a yacht is presented, to be followed by the scene on the beach and the cheering shouts of the excited spectators assembled to watch the final work of rescue by the rocket apparatus.

MR. J. M. BARRIE'S NEW PLAY, "The Wedding Guest," had a magnificent send-off on Thursday last at the Garrick, and will no doubt draw all London. Certainly lovers of first-rate acting should on no account miss seeing this engrossingly interesting play. From the rising of the curtain, disclosing Miss Dorothea Baird, looking charming in her wedding gown, to the end of the third and last act, the interest is cleverly sustained. H. B. Irving, as Paul Digby, the bridegroom, presents a finished piece of acting, and when in the first act the "wedding guest"—in the shape of an old love—enters at the end of the wedding ceremony and confronts him, the intelligent playgoer scents trouble and wonders how the author will end the difficulty, especially as the newly-married man has a child by the old love. The story is cleverly told, and gives Miss Violet Vanbrugh a grand opportunity for displaying her wonderful powers as an actress. Brandon Thomas as the bride's father is quite a new departure from the usual "stage papa," and the character instead of boring one, as is often the case, only affords the actor an opportunity of again showing his many-sided genius, and of scoring another success. A word must also be said for Miss Joan Burnett as Jenny, whose acting proves one of the gems of the performance. It is a study.

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